

CHARGES OF WAR GRAFT ARE MADE IN FRANCE

Severe Criticism of Relation Between Minister and Those Who Sell Munitions of War

EXCESSIVE PRICES PAID FOR SUPPLIES

Millions of Francs Made in Commissions by Those Buying Horses for the Government

PARIS, Dec. 15.—During the debate in the Chamber of Deputies, severe criticism was made of relations between the war minister and certain individuals who are selling supplies to the government. It was asserted the ministry had dealt with persons whose sole occupation hitherto had consisted in frequenting pleasure resorts at night and there picking up customers. These persons, it was said, were regarded as worthy to furnish shoes, clothing and cannon.

Deputy Julien Simonin said this was scandalous, and even criminal, and that a government official who being informed of the facts declined to strike the guilty persons became an accomplice. He asserted proper precautions had not been taken and that excessive prices had been paid for supplies.

An attack was then made by M. Simonin upon those who are conducting for private gain enterprises described as charitable. One woman, he said, had been condemned twenty-one times for this offense but was still operating.

VIOLATES PROCEDURE. Another abuse, the deputy continued, consisted in paying large sums on account, in violation of the usual procedure when contracts for supplies were signed. He asserted that for one year officials had been discussing what action should be taken against a contractor who owes 300,000 francs (\$400,000).

M. Simonin continued his attacks on contractors, heads of numerous deputies who attempted to interrupt him. He demanded that the chamber compel Joseph Thierry, under secretary of state for substance, to throw open his files bearing on these affairs, asserting that many interesting facts concerning purchases of war supplies had not been brought to light.

He said 30,000 horses had been purchased from an English dealer for about 50,000,000 francs. The French ambassador at London, M. Simonin continued, had made a report on the activities of certain persons there who were endeavoring to obtain illegal profits from the government.

BIG COMMISSIONS. In the purchase of horses alone, M. Simonin declared, commissions amounting to several million francs had been paid. He characterized this as scandalous, and said Inspector Gaillard, head of the army's investigation, an inquiry was ordered, he continued, but the commission which controls government purchases took the ground that if the facts were known they would cause a public protest.

The secretary of Alexandre Millerand, then minister of war, was of the same opinion, the speaker continued, and M. Millerand approved his secretary's view.

This assertion brought Millerand to his feet. He protested that M. Simonin was mistaken. He attempted to speak further, but the confusion was so great that his remarks could not be heard.

When quiet was restored M. Simonin reiterated his assertions. In concluding, he turned to General Gallieni, minister of war, and said:

"Say little, write less, but strike hard. The entire chamber applauded as M. Simonin concluded."

Further discussion of the interpretation in contracts was postponed until Thursday.

RECOVERING FROM STORM. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The demoralization of transportation facilities on lines around New York, caused by the storm of Monday night, was not entirely overcome today, though conditions were fast improving.

WOMAN ACCUSED IN \$1,500,000 CASE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Charges that Mrs. Lillian Beale, widow of John E. Beale, a sugar magnate who died last year in Santa Barbara, California, obtained an estate of \$1,500,000, obtained a divorce from her first husband by fraud and therefore was not legally married to Beale and not entitled to share in his estate, were made in court here today. The proceedings were taken on a motion filed on behalf of Arthur K. Stearns of East, Cliff House, her first husband. The motion was denied, but attorneys for Mr. Stearns announced their intention to prosecute the case further.

The Stearns motion was filed by a man as a friend of the court, it was charged that the then Mrs. Daniel

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Gasoline Found Under Building; 3 Arrested

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—The discovery of six barrels of gasoline and other inflammable material, piled on the floor of a liquor store under a lodging house, where sixty persons were asleep, caused the arrest today of three men, one of whom the police afterward declared made a full statement concerning an arson plot. The man under arrest was Michael Crowe, a former Omaha policeman; Joseph Landers, a wrestler, and F. B. Hartman, proprietor of the liquor store. Crowe was grilling for three hours by the police and made the statement which, according to officers, implicated the men in a scheme to procure \$10,000 insurance money. Crowe was credited with having stated that it was the plan to explode the gasoline by throwing a torch through an open skylight in the case of the people asleep in the lodging house above could have been seriously endangered.

Kills Girl; Turns Gun on Self; Wounded

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—Velle Veronika, aged 20, was shot to death in a room on Lake Union early today by her companion, Anorelie Vassileff, aged 30. Vassileff then shot himself, but may recover. Both were Russians. A note in Russian in a woman's hand, but not penned by Miss Veronika, and telling of a suicide pact, was found in the room. A postscript in a man's hand said the couple were tired of life and wished to be buried together. Vassileff after regarding consciousness at the city hospital said he and Miss Veronika were engaged to be married, but he was unable to obtain employment, and they agreed to commit suicide. Vassileff says he shot himself once and was about to shoot again when the girl knocked the pistol from his hand and he supposed she shot herself. The police, however, say all the evidence gathered shows that the girl was shot by Vassileff.

Bulgars Not Over Line, Says Greece

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Greek government officially denies that Bulgarians have entered Greek territory, and it is considered in competent quarters here that an entrance of the Bulgarians into Greek Macedonia is apparent, says a Hava dispatch from Athens under Tuesday's date. The press unanimously declares that the presence of Bulgarians in Greek Macedonia would arouse national indignation.

FORD REACHES SCOTLAND.

KIRKWALL, Orkney Islands, Dec. 15.—The steamship Oscar II, having on board the Ford peace party, arrived here early today. Kirkwall is the port into which most trans-Atlantic vessels which are held up for search by the British authorities are taken. The Oscar II was destined for Christiania and her arrival at Kirkwall probably means that she is being detained by the British. A London dispatch last night said it was hardly likely that the steamship would be taken to Kirkwall, as she had no cargo aboard.

Wheeler Brown obtained a divorce in 1906 for the sole purpose of enabling her to marry Beale, who died in July, 1914, making her the sole beneficiary of his estate.

Stearns and two brothers, who were ignored in the will contested the document on the ground that Mrs. Beale was not legally the wife of the decedent. The lower courts of California set aside the will, but the case is still pending on an appeal taken by Mrs. Beale.

The action made today charged that Mrs. Brown married Beale three days after the divorce was obtained when she was 30 years old and he 51. It was stated that Daniel Wheeler Brown was a son of a member of the New York banking firm of Brown

SENDS WOOLER BACK TO WAR, MINUS HEART

Berkeley Girl Refuses to Become Soldier's War Bride

Her Mother's Appeal Is Successful; His Voyage All in Vain

Half way around the world came Lieutenant David Stanley Laughland of the Scotch Highlanders, to claim his bride, only to return to his heather-colored hills without her at his side. Mrs. Florence Richards of 2804 Stuart street, Berkeley, announced this afternoon that the marriage of her daughter, Miss Florence Richards, to Lieutenant Laughland had been indefinitely postponed.

Friday the lieutenant will return to England, expecting soon afterward to be sent to the front in France. It was this certainty of his facing grave peril that led the girl's mother to plead against her becoming his bride and accompanying him to his native land.

MOTHER UNWILLING. "I could not bear to see my daughter leave for a strange place. If she were to have married the lieutenant and anything had happened to him, she would have been left alone in a strange land, thousands of miles away from me," declared the mother.

Lieutenant Laughland, who held his position in Petrograd as superintendent of a munitions plant two months ago to come to Berkeley to claim his bride. They had met some years previously, when the lieutenant was a visitor on business in the Orient, and returned to this port on his way to his home. Whether Lieutenant Laughland and Miss Richards will become husband and wife if he comes safely through the war, Mrs. Richards was unable today to say.

"That is a long time off," she said. "And, at any rate, my daughter will not be married now. She has had a hard time coming to this decision, but she has decided definitely that she will not marry at this time."

THE DEPARTS SOON. Although Lieutenant Laughland will leave the bay region Friday, the East he will not be able immediately to sail for his own country.

He expected to book passage for himself and his bride soon after arriving at the East. He was delayed in booking by the press of travel. He will now have to make reservations for himself alone, and is uncertain when he can get away from this country.

Barbers' Shops to Close on Sunday

With few exceptions, Oakland barber shops will be closed every Sunday in the year after the first Sunday of the new year. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Boss Barbers' Association at 64 Eleventh street last night, at which a majority of the members voted to put the closing order into effect on the second Sunday in January.

Three of the members present refused and refused to abide by the decision. One of the members, John Tisch, who conducts two of the largest shops in the city, and the other two conduct shops in the Seventh street and Broadway district. They declared that they would continue to do business on Sunday, as heretofore. Whether or not this will cause trouble with members of the Barbers' Union is not known.

Sunday closing was adopted on another occasion by the local barber shop owners, but was discontinued more than a year ago.

Militia Supply Cache Uncovered by Raid

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Wholesale theft of army supplies from the state militia quartermaster department, which is believed to have been going on for ten years was uncovered last night when \$200,000 worth of goods was seized by a squad of militiamen from the home of Quartermaster Sergeant Max Groves at 1777 Jersey street.

Soldiers under command of Quartermaster Harry Andrea and acting under instructions of Adjutant General Charles W. Thomas, surrounded the house and packed away a pile of blankets, clothes, rifles and other material. Among the articles found is said to be a set of plans for 12-inch mortar drawn in 1908 and manufactured by the government between that time and 1908.

Sergeant Groves belongs to the First Infantry and is one of the oldest men in the state militia. It is said that he was implicated by the confession of Quartermaster Jack L. McDonald, who was arrested last night, in the theft of the supplies.

In the last few months goods have been missing regularly and as the thefts grew to thousands of dollars Adjutant General Charles W. Thomas issued orders to Captain Richard L. Dunley, commanding the Seventh Company, to conduct a raid investigation.

Glenn Curtiss Sells \$15,000,000 Aeroplanes

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—It was said in the financial district today that the Curtiss Aeroplane company has closed a contract with the British government for \$15,000,000 worth of aeroplanes. In the fiscal year ending October 31, the company produced more than \$6,000,000 worth of aeroplanes and motors, most of which went to the British government.

ACCUSER OF CONSUL BOPP IS CONVICT

Von Koolbergen Is Sentenced to Prison in Calgary

Evidence Amassed by U. S. Operatives Entangles Official

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 15.—J. H. von Koolbergen, mentioned in the revelations in San Francisco, was arrested while with the First Canadian contingent and returned to Calgary, Alta., where he had enlisted, on a charge of forgery. He was found guilty and is in the western jail, serving a sentence of 12 months.

Emmeshed in a net of alleged evidence that has been woven by United States secret operatives and special agents, as the result of months of labor, Franz Bopp, German Imperial Consul-General, has become the principal figure in the nation-wide conspiracy to destroy factories and vessels supplying munitions to the Allies. Today the question as to what action the United States Government will take in regard to Consul Bopp overshadows the developments in the conspiracy itself.

Substantiating the accusations made by others and the disclosures of the government agents, there was made public today the full affidavit of Johannes Heinrichs, Van Koolbergen, the Mill Valley mining engineer, whose advent into the bomb plot case became publicly known a day or so ago, and who is under arrest in British Columbia as a "detained witness."

DETAILED EVIDENCE. A part of this affidavit was made public yesterday at the time it became known that indictments had been returned against Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, C. C. Crowley and Mrs. Margaret Cornwell. The affidavit was made in San Francisco on August 27 last, and goes into much detail with regard to an alleged organized German conspiracy to destroy the Pacific coast, with the object of blowing up munition plants.

The affidavit asserts that Franz Bopp personally supervised the activities of Van Koolbergen and directed the attempt to hire him and blow up tunnels on the Canadian Pacific railroad in May of the present year.

\$1500 FOR WORK. The affidavit also declares that Bopp ordered the money for this work (\$1500) to be paid to Van Koolbergen under the impression that the work had been accomplished, when as a matter of fact Bopp was misled by Canadian Pacific officials working in conjunction with Van Koolbergen, who caused stories to be inserted in the Canadian papers telling of the destruction of important tunnels by mysterious accidents.

The affidavit also declares that George Wilhelm von Brincken, Bopp's assistant in the San Francisco consulate, worked out all the details of the plot and that he and Bopp went over maps of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the consulate and discussed the details of the work to be done up the tunnels so as to interfere most with the transportation of munitions of war. The affidavit states also that Van Koolbergen was instructed to steal the dynamite for the plants from certain construction camps on the Canadian Pacific.

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Allied Airships Are Brought Down in Raid

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Four allied airships, including one battleplane with two motors, were brought down by German anti-aircraft guns, the war office announced today, during raids on Bapaume and Peronne, in France and Mulheim, Baden. A successful attack on an English steamship was made by German aviators. In the Balkan campaign the retreating Serbians are being pursued further. Several hundred prisoners were taken.

BLACK SEA BOATS SUNK.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The correspondent at Athens of the Milan Secolo, says a German submarine has been sunk in the Black sea, off the Bulgarian port of Varna, and that a Turkish torpedo boat has been sunk in the Sea of Marmora by the British.

ZEPPELIN DESTROYED.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15.—A report of the destruction of the super-Zeppelin L-22 was received from Schleswig today by a Copenhagen newspaper. It is said nearly all the 30 members of the crew were killed or wounded.

The loss of the Zeppelin is said to have been due to the accidental explosion of a bomb as the airship was leaving its shed. The explosion demolished the shed.

24,000,000,000 Francs, Cost of War to France

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The appropriations committee of the Chamber of Deputies, reporting today upon the requirements of the government for the first quarter of 1916, summarizes the cost of the war thus:

"The total expenses of the government from August 1, 1914, to December 31, 1915, were 31,024,000,000 francs, of which the purely military expenditures were 24,000,000,000 francs. While the average expenses of the government during the first five months of the war were 1,750,000,000 francs, the estimates for the first quarter of the new year average 2,505,000,000 francs monthly."

The committee reported that it had rejected the request of the minister of finance that the income tax of July, 1914, should be applied to January 1, 1917.

GREWSOME TRAGEDY IS ENACTED IN MELROSE

Principals in the Lawrence Murder Case: Audrey Lawrence, Who Escaped Death This Morning at the Hands of Her Father (Large Photo); Inset: Mrs. Orpha Lawrence, Her Mother, the Murdered Woman; and Charles Lawrence, the Murderer.



SLAYER PLEADS FOR DEATH MEANT TO ESCAPE, HE SAYS BUT LITTLE GIRL CAUGHT HIM

Lawrence made the following statement to the police:

"I thought I could do this thing and get away, but the little girl caught me. I ran to the house at about 7 p. m. and Orpha met me at the door. I came in and we sat in the front room, she playing the graphophone and sewing. Our conversation lasted until 10 p. m. I think. I told her this was not the place for her and that if she was going to keep house for anyone, I wanted it to be me. She refused to leave this house. When we went to bed I told her I could not sleep. About 3 a. m. I got up and went out and got that hatchet in the shed and must have killed her. I don't know anything about what it happened or what I did. I took a whisky after I struck my wife with a hatchet. I found it in a drawer before the police came. I have not been drinking and I do not drink."

"My wife left me after we arrived from Fortuna this last time. She left me before and has been away for quite a bit. I have had the little girl with me for some time. I have had the little girl with me for some time."

"I want to go with her now. That is what I want to do, and I want you to put the murder in the first degree so that I can be hanged just as soon as possible so that I can be right at Orpha's side if she is dead. That is my wish. Can I ever see her again? If you will give me a gun I will blow my head off. I guess I have killed my wife. She is dead. Can I see her again? This must be premeditated murder and I am guilty. Charge me just as soon as possible and hang me. I want to be with my wife."

"I heard a thud of a blow," she said, "and going into mamma's room, found her dead in bed, and papa, with some kind of a fit, sitting on the floor, with a hatchet beside him. First, he could not speak, but only stared at me. I slapped his face and that sort of roused him. He said, 'I've killed her,' he said. Then he went into my room and got the razor and started after me. I kept away from him and he kept calling, 'I shut myself in my room, and he kept calling to me, but I was afraid, and would not come out. I got out and went to the neighbors and they called the police.'"

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HUSBAND, IN FRENZY, OR FIRE, TURNS MURDERER

Woman, Asleep, Hacked to Death; Daughter, Entering Her Room, Pursued With Razor

NEIGHBORS AROUSED AND SUMMON POLICE

"I Want to Die," Slayer Tells Authorities, Who Hold Him in Custody, for Filing of Charge

Because his wife Orpha would not promise again to live with him, Charles Clarke Lawrence, a millhand, beat out her brains with a hand axe early this morning, while she lay sleeping in the cottage she had rented for herself and her 15-year-old daughter, Audrey, at 1010 Fifteenth avenue.

The girl, disturbed by the sound of the blows as she lay slumbering in an adjoining room, arose and entered her mother's room; to find the woman dead, in bed and, the man sitting in a kind of spell on the floor with the bloody implement beside him. Then, bloody caused, her father to "bestir himself," Audrey found her own life in grave peril, for Lawrence seized a razor and pursued her out of the room. Escaping into her own chamber, the girl bolted the door, climbed out through a window and ran to the home of a neighbor. The alarm was sent to the police, and soon afterward Lawrence was arrested as he still stood guarding the barred door of his daughter's room, awaiting her exit.

Husband and wife have been separated for about a week, and the woman has been supporting herself and her daughter by sewing and also by acting as housekeeper for Frank McAfee, a railroad man and lodger in the house.

Lawrence, went to his wife's home last night and asked her to let him return. According to the daughter, Audrey, her father prolonged his entreaties far into the night, and Mrs. Lawrence finally consented to his remaining in the house. He went away, but returned after mother and daughter had fallen asleep. What then occurred the daughter tells:

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

SUFFRAGE LOBBY UNDER SCRUTINY

South Carolina Representative Demands Investigation of Blacklist.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The suffrage lobby is to be investigated by Congress. The \$20,000 fund pledged by the Congressional Union last Sunday for Federal suffrage work around the use of Representative James P. Barnes of South Carolina. He introduced a resolution in the House calling for an investigation. He said:

"It is reported that the Congressional Union is preparing a blacklist of Congressmen. This is an evidence of the pure politics promised us by women who want to vote. It is time for the country to know. Is Congress to be intimidated by a lobby?"

In an interview later he vented his displeasure. "Congress is no better than a millinery opening," he said. Then, with a brand of Southern humor, Barnes added significantly: "I want to find out whether those women are being paid for their lobbying, so that I shall know whether to treat them as ladies or not."

Representative Nolan had asked the House to take a recess in order to hear Miss Frances Joffe and Mrs. Sara B. Field. Unanimous consent was necessary. Page of North Carolina objected and further debate was shut off by a heavy motion for adjournment.

The two women voters, accustomed to political courtesy in the West, were white with anger at the objection. Mrs. Field exclaimed:

"That shows how women are represented by Congress." Both sides of the woman suffrage question were presented yesterday to President Wilson. A delegation from the National Association opposed to woman suffrage thanked him for his announced opposition to a Federal constitutional amendment enfranchising women, and delegates to the annual meeting of the National American Woman Suffrage Association asked him to support such an amendment and use his influence to have it endorsed in the next platform of the Democratic party.

The President did not commit himself further on the question. He said nothing to the women opposed to suffrage. To the suffragettes he explained that he had under consideration a request that he change his original position of opposition to a Federal amendment.

Reopening of Parcel Post Is Discussed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Prospects for reopening parcel post service from the United States to Germany was discussed yesterday by Postmaster General Burleson with Dr. Edmund von Mach of Cambridge, Mass., chairman of a committee whose avowed purpose is to provide milk for babies in the Teutonic countries. Dr. von Mach said later he hoped to see the service re-established before long.

Shipments of parcels recently refused to accept parcel post matter for Germany through Holland, because The Netherlands government had declined to permit such matter to land.

The Postoffice Department then suspended the service and since has had no replies from communications addressed to Holland and other neutral European countries asking whether they would receive American parcel post mail destined to Germany and Austria.

Substitute Judge Bill Recommended

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Senate judiciary committee voted yesterday to report favorably the bill to empower the President to appoint substitute judges for federal, district or circuit judges 70 years or more of age, who fail to retire after ten years' service. The bill is being pressed as a reform to displace incapacitated justices who refuse to retire.

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Congressional ITEMS

California Congressmen have received letters from President Wheeler of the University of California asking that Congress appropriate \$250,000 annually for the International Latitude Observatory at Ukiah, Cal. For fourteen years Congress appropriated annually for the observatory, but neglected to do so at the last session.

J. Arthur Elston has been assigned to committee on public buildings and grounds and to that on mileage.

Bills introduced by the California representatives include:

—To create a "staff commission" appropriating \$20,000 for a public building at Santa Monica and \$100,000 for a public building at Venice.

—To provide for admission into "soldiers' and sailors' homes of persons who have served in the Army or Navy.

—Authorizing and validating certain exchanges of land between the United States and the heirs of S. G. Little.

Representative Baker has recommended former Assemblyman George B. Flanagan for appointment as postmaster at Nevada City.

For sixteen years Aaron P. Prioleau, a negro, has been contesting all elections to Congress from the Quadron, S. C., district. He has won three times. Six other contests have been filed.

Senator Burton of Ohio, presidential candidate, was given a dinner this week by Senator Harding and the Republican Congressional delegation. Much enthusiasm was manifested and his campaign was formally launched.

At the annual meeting of the Red Cross Society recently held in Washington, President Wilson and former President Taft sat on the same platform. They greeted each other warmly.

House Considering Next Year's Bills

Provide for Deficit in Postoffice

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Treasury estimates that receipts in 1916 will fall by \$31,525,500 to meet disbursements, including a \$10,000,000 postal deficit, are cited by the House ways and means committee majority report on the emergency revenue law extension filed today as evidence of necessity for additional taxation.

Revenue from distilled spirits fermented liquors and tobacco decreased \$35,000,000 in the last fiscal year, the report says. Treasury estimates of ordinary internal revenue receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916 were \$272,000,000 compared with \$283,339,760 last year, thus indicating a further anticipated revenue reduction from this source of more than \$11,000,000.

The bill today was reported back to the House favorably with a view to consideration tomorrow. Party leaders have requested all members to be present tomorrow in anticipation of a lively party fight. Majority Leader Kitchin declares, however, that its enactment by the end of this week is certain.

Organized Labor Favors Peace Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today told President Wilson that organized labor was ready to give its support to the defense of the nation and should be allowed a voice in making preparations.

Gompers asked the president to appoint a representative of labor to the commission he may name to confer with army and navy officers on the mobilization of the nation's resources. Since the war started Gompers said belligerent nations had included representatives of labor in every important activity. The president said he would consider the suggestion carefully.

Navy League Made Subject of Attack

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Representative Tamm of Illinois made the first preparedness speech of the session in the House today, urging government manufacture of all war materials. He attacked the Navy League as being composed in part of men who profit from the sale of munitions.

Since 1887, Tamm declared, four firms in the United States have virtually had a monopoly on war orders, dividing millions for munitions that might have been produced from 20 to 60 per cent cheaper in government arsenals or navy yards.

Women Plead Before Senate Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A delegation from the National Women Suffrage Association today urged upon the Senate women's suffrage committee an early favorable report on the Susan B. Anthony amendment. Congressional Union delegates will address the committee tomorrow.

Mother-in-Law and Affinity, His Complaint

That his wife has transferred her affections to Herbert Pickle is the complaint of George Holmes of Berkeley who today filed suit for divorce from Offie Elsie Holmes.

The husband relates that last October his wife went to Ukiah to visit her mother and there met Pickle. After that he says she told him that she did not love him any more but Pickle intended.

In addition to that the husband recites that his mother-in-law, Mrs. A. Gillespie, visited him in his home during his wife's absence on one occasion and interfered with him to the extent that she told him if he did not "mend his ways" and run his home as she suggested, she would "drive him into the street" and that he would not only lose his home but his wife and child as well.

The couple were married at Ukiah in 1912.

French Accused of Despoiling Serbians

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—In an official Bulgarian report, December 14, given out here today by the Overseas News Agency the assertion is made that when the French troops withdrew from southwestern Serbia they took away all food supplies from the civilian population, burned the houses and drove off the people, leaving them without food or shelter.

CONGRESSMAN SEES TROUBLES AHEAD

Principles for Accurate Legislation Lacking, Says Woods of Iowa.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—"No legislative body can produce accurate legislation without observing two important principles," said Frank P. Woods, chairman of the national Republican congressional committee, in an interview today. "First, there must be intelligent unity of purpose as to the laws to be written. Second, the methods by which the proposed legislation is to be enacted must permit the correction of defects when they are discovered."

"Even at this early stage of the present session it is apparent that both these requirements are lacking."

"With the party strength reduced to a bare majority in the House, there is a revolt against the most important legislation proposed, namely, provision for more adequate national defenses."

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE. "The amounts asked for enlarging the army and navy involve annual increases of \$100,000,000 and \$50,000,000, a billion dollars for several years. The responsibility of providing revenue to meet this expenditure falls largely upon the ways and means committee."

"The chairman of that committee, Representative Claude Kitchin, has said that he is opposed to the national defense program. His defection is more serious when it is remembered that his party has been unable to keep our national finances upon a sound basis when only ordinary demands were to be met. Kitchin himself has already pointed out that there is a serious deficit in the Treasury to be provided for."

DIVISION IN SENATE. "In the Senate the party strength was divided even before the session began. Bitter factional strife marked the organization of the Senate on the issues of both the election of a President pro tempore and the proposed cloture rule, and it is obvious that the breach will not be healed."

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Vice-President Not Expert on Defense

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Vice-President Marshall, who has just returned to Washington, called today on President Wilson. He said afterward that he believed in the policy of adequate preparedness but was not enough of an expert to base judgment on the details of the administration's national defense plans.

TRANSPORT NAMED. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The new navy transport building at the Philadelphia navy yard will be named Henderson, Secretary Daniels has announced, in honor of Brigadier-General Archibald Henderson, commander of the marine corps early in the nation's history. He led the Constitution borders when that vessel captured the British ships Cyane and Levant in the revolution.

COMMITTEEMAN NAMED. SPOKANE, Dec. 15.—Roy Slater, state chairman of the Progressive party, has named Austin E. Griffiths of Seattle Progressive national committeeman from Washington. Griffiths succeeds Lorenzo Dow of Tacoma, resigned.

TO REAPPOINT MCGHORD. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—C. C. McGhord, whose term as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission expires this week, will be re-appointed by President Wilson. McGhord at present is chairman of the commission.

\$24,139 FOR RELIEF. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The State Department reported today to Congress that the United States had spent \$24,139 for relief and transportation of Americans in Mexico, during the last fiscal year, including \$2395 for destitute Americans there.

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BERKELEY Y.M.C.A. IN ANNUAL DINNER

Thirteenth Anniversary Banquet Addressed by Prominent Men.

BERKELEY, Dec. 15.—The thirteenth annual meeting and business session of the Berkeley Y.M.C.A. was held at the Hotel Oakland last night. The banquet room of the hotel was the scene of the annual dinner. The meeting served the dual purpose of a social gathering and a business session. The Y.M.C.A. has been in existence for thirteen years and has during that time accomplished many good deeds. The annual dinner is a tradition of the Y.M.C.A. and is always a highly successful affair. The dinner was held at the Hotel Oakland, which was the scene of the annual dinner. The Y.M.C.A. has been in existence for thirteen years and has during that time accomplished many good deeds. The annual dinner is a tradition of the Y.M.C.A. and is always a highly successful affair. The dinner was held at the Hotel Oakland, which was the scene of the annual dinner.

HAS CAPRICIOUS NEW YORK WONNATURE POETKEELER?



CHARLES KEELER, WHO IS PRESENTING ORIGINAL POEM PLAYS IN NEW YORK CITY.

Berkeley Wanderer Chants Before Inventor Edison's Wife

BERKELEY, Dec. 15.—Successful appearances in New York of Charles Keeler, well known Berkeley poet who has resided there for the past year, are told in letters to his friends in this city. His appearances were before Mrs. Thomas Edison. He has read also at the Waldorf-Astoria and on December 29 will present for the first time a children's Christmas play which he has just completed. In keeping with the spirit of the time, Keeler has outlined this upon the peace theme, and will give it under the auspices of the East Orange Women's Club. Keeler does not yet talk of returning to Berkeley to stay, finding his reception in the city gratifying enough to keep him there indefinitely. The children's play to be given this month is a mystical fairy play with the title of "The Enchanted Forest." The play is a story of a little girl who is transformed from a rabbit back to her natural shape by the magic power of the Enchanted Forest. The play is a story of a little girl who is transformed from a rabbit back to her natural shape by the magic power of the Enchanted Forest.

Bridge Club Guests of Mrs. Robert Valleau

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Alameda to Enforce Auto Dimming Law

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Turkey and Boxing at N. S. G. W. Jinks

ALAMEDA, Dec. 15.—Alameda Park and the Native Sons will hold its annual Christmas party Wednesday evening, December 22, in the Native Sons hall. The party will be a highly successful affair. The Native Sons is a club of men who meet regularly for games and social gatherings. The party will be a highly successful affair. The Native Sons is a club of men who meet regularly for games and social gatherings.

SEWING CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR KIDDIES NEW HOSPITAL SITE UNDER DISCUSSION

Program for Berkeley Community Tree Assuming Big Proportions. Melrose Delegation Appointed to Appear Before the Supervisors.

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Interesting Theme at Chamber Banquet

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Father Humilis Is Guest of Mothers at Lunch

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Dies of Injuries in Auto Accident

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"Middy Dance" Will Be Mothers' Club Affair

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HERE IS YOUR CHANCE \$100 DOWN! \$15 A WEEK, BUYS A NEW MAXWELL AUTOMOBILE FOR CHRISTMAS

ALAMEDA, Dec. 15.—Miss Norma Jacobson, whose marriage to Captain Ernest Cullen will take place during the holiday week, was given a Maxwell automobile by her friends. The Maxwell automobile is a highly successful car. The Maxwell automobile is a highly successful car. The Maxwell automobile is a highly successful car.

Again Heads Berkeley Schools James Succeeds Himself as Superintendent; Second Term

Highway Will Be Rebuilt From Oakland Through to Richmond.

BERKELEY, Dec. 15.—James J. James was elected superintendent of the Berkeley schools for a second term. James J. James was elected superintendent of the Berkeley schools for a second term. James J. James was elected superintendent of the Berkeley schools for a second term.

TONIGHT Newsboys' Benefit Ball MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

ART SMITH "K. C. B." LEW HAWKINS BRONCHO BILLY ANDERSON Will Be There and Besides Art Smith will race in the Arena at 8 o'clock P. M. sharp 21-FEATURE VODVIL ACTS-21 STEINDORFF'S BAND All for 50c Children 25c Come in Your Every Day Clothes

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Bavarian China, "open stock" Service, Gold border, with Greek key design in black (new) 53-piece Set \$22.60

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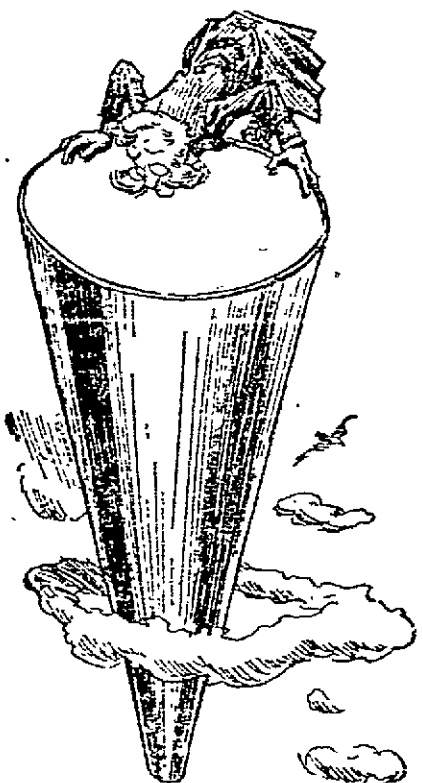
Theodore Roberts, the distinguished star, will be seen at the Oakland Photo Theater in a three-day engagement commencing this afternoon, in the photodramatic version of E. Phillips Oppenheim's thrilling novel, "Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo," which recently appeared in serial form in the Saturday Evening Post and is now one of the most widely discussed books of the day.

A young American falls headlong in love with the daughter of one of the diplomats, who are at Monte Carlo for the purpose of making a new map of the world, posing as "Mister Grex," and is greatly chagrined, but not undaunted, when he learns that she is the Grand Duchess Federica. His unconscious and unintentional interference in the plans of the statesmen, stamps him as a spy and he is ordered "removed." How he causes confusion in the world's greatest diplomatic circles, and wins the hand of the grand duchess, make many gripping incidents and unusual situations.

On the same program Richard Carle will be presented in his own great Broadway success, "Mary's Lamb."

PLAN FOR WHIST.

FRUITVALE, Dec. 15.—The Ladies' Auxiliary, Division No. 2 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, will give a turkey whist party in Carpenter's hall, Fruitvale avenue and East Twelfth street, Monday evening, December 20. Merchants of the district are assisting in making the affair a success.



How Prof. Blitszt with his Blitsytoscope went after the 7th point.

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The 7-point gum

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CINNAMON—IN BLUE WRAPPER

Suitable rewards for the discovery of the 7th point will be offered later.

THIS LITTLE CHILD LEADS THEM GIRL WOULD BE GOOD FELLOW FIVE-YEAR-OLD SAVES PENNIES

Not all the Good Fellows in Oakland are grown men and women. For instance, there's little Florence P., who has caught the spirit of the campaign and who writes a letter that might well shame some wealthy and selfish people we know. Here it is:

Dear Mr. Good Fellow:
I have been saving my pennies, and now would like the name of a little girl that I can play Santa Claus to. I am five years old. Please tell me how old the little girl is whose address you send, and where she lives, so I can go and see her and take her something for Christmas.

I wish I had more pennies so I could play Santa for a whole lot of little children, but I hope I will be able to do more next Christmas, 'cause I know The TRIBUNE will have a lot of little girls' and boys' names again next year.

Hoping every one of the little girls whose names you have will get something from Santa this Christmas.

I remain,
FLORENCE P.

P. S.—Please send me a name soon.

And thus we add another name to the ever-growing list of the Good Fellows. Florence will be sent the name of a little girl who will be made very, very happy by her visit.

Now, Good Fellows, here's something we want to pass right up to you for quick action. We'll guarantee it to be bona fide, and it can be attended to by any man of affairs. We'll let the missive speak for itself.

Editor TRIBUNE—Dear Sir:

For the sake of my youngest

son that is longing for Santa Claus to bring him a make-believe automobile to call it in which he can ride around I am writing to you. He is eight years old and frail.

What I want to ask is: could you find anyone who could give work to an older brother so that we can earn enough to gratify my little boy and retain his faith in Santa Claus. I cannot make him understand that Santa Claus is too poor to bring him one.

His father is working, but his wages are so small and the family big, and nothing but debts, so it is one long nightmare trying to exist. Two days ago a doctor sent me a threatening letter. Christmas will bring us anything but joy unless some big-hearted fellow will help me out by giving to one of my boys enough work to make one little soul happy; anything in the line of porter work will be alright.

My boys are honest and industrious.

Respectfully,
MRS. M.

Letter furnished to the first Good Fellow who wants to lend the helping hand.

There is still a long list of children who must be provided for this Christmas, though on an average sixty Good Fellows a day are applying for names and addresses. Each mail, however, brings to the attention of the Good Fellow department further cases of lonely little ones. The anonymous character of the work has won the confidence of both the serving poor and the generous rich.

It promises to be a brighter Christmas all around than anyone had expected.

Sign This Joy Card

If you will be a Good Fellow at Christmas to some family of poor children in Oakland, please fill out the attached blank and send it to The TRIBUNE (Good Fellow Department) or write a letter of similar import.

I live at No. street. I will be Santa Claus to children (any number you wish). Please give me the names of the children in. (state what section of the city you prefer to have assigned to you). Sign your name

Seek More Names for Prohibition Petition

Prohibition forces of California announced this morning that they are face to face with a serious situation due to the small number of signatures secured on petitions during the past few weeks, and that the state managers must file 30,000 more names by the 20th of the month to reach the required 75,000.

Friends of the prohibition cause in Alameda county are putting forth strenuous efforts to secure the signatures necessary to place the proposed amendments upon the ballot at the next general election. At a meeting held last evening at the Young Men's Christian Association building, Mrs. Helen S. Artieda, executive secretary of the Public Welfare League, outlined the plans of the league for a house to house canvass throughout the city and more particularly in those precincts known to be especially favorable to saloon repression.

Dr. J. B. Briggs of the California Campaign Federation which is the state organization having the entire campaign in charge, stated that Alameda county had cast 29,000 prohibition votes a year ago and that the federation needed the signatures of at least half this number in order to guarantee the success of the present campaign for placing the two amendments on the ballot.

In Alameda a house to house canvass is being organized by the Rev. Leslie A. Burwell, pastor of the First Methodist church. In Berkeley the work is proceeding under the direction of James O. Davis.

Rev. B. D. Naylor and other workers are active in Hayward and the southern end of the county.

The prohibition forces are seeking to submit the question in two propositions. One proposition provides for the closing of all saloons after January 1, 1918, but permits the manufacture of liquors and their sale in quantities of not less than two gallons. The other proposition contemplates making California "dry" after January 1, 1920, by prohibiting the manufacture, sale or possession of liquor except for medicinal and other specific purposes.

PETITIONS FILED.
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 15.—Two additional petitions were filed today in the office of the secretary of state on the prohibition and saloon closing initiatives. The first contained 510 names and the other 299, and both are from Monterey county. The initiative prohibition petition provides that on January 1, 1920, California shall go dry. The saloon closing petition provides that on January 1, 1918, it shall be unlawful to sell intoxicating liquors in saloons or other similar establishments.

The petitions filed today are the second to come in in invoking the initiative for the purpose of placing before the people the prohibition and saloon closing questions for decision at the next general election in November, 1918. An initiative petition to qualify must contain 14,125 names.

Two Couples United on Fifteenth Anniversary
SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Toffelmier and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Best, who were married on the same day fifteen years ago, will celebrate their wedding anniversaries together in the southern part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Toffelmier and Best left for Monterey, Los Angeles county, to join Mrs. Best who has been there some time for the benefit of her health. The visit will be a surprise as far as she is concerned. The Bests and Toffelmiers have celebrated their wedding anniversaries together since they were married.

PLEASANTON PIONEER DIES.
PLEASANTON, Dec. 15.—Funeral services were held this morning for John King Cruikshank, aged 83 years, who died at his home here Monday. He was a native of Troy, N. Y., and was one of the pioneers of this section. Surviving him are his wife, James R. and John A. Cruikshank. The funeral took place from the family home to Mountain View cemetery.

STEAMERS TO PLY TO PHILIPPINES

Grace Company May Recover Trade of Pacific Mail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—With in a year the American International Corporation of New York, through W. R. Grace & Company, its local representative, gives up any inducement weekly schedule of passenger and freight steamers to ply between here and Manila, making the trip in twenty-two days. No stops will be made at Honolulu or Japan ports, but calls will be made at both Hongkong and Shanghai. This announcement was made today by officers of the Grace Company.

The new line will be started with five steamers, the Santa Clara, Santa Cecilia and Santa Barbara, all recently launched and of 10,000 tons each; the Cacique, 9400 tons, and the Colusa, 8000 tons. Other vessels formerly in the service of the Pacific Mail Company will ply between this and Latin-American ports of the west coast.

The company will take up the business of the Pacific Mail in Chinese and Philippine ports, if the federal government gives it any inducement. Rumors that the Union Iron Works was the concern which had in reality taken over the steamers of the Pacific Mail Company were denied today by officials of the Grace Company. While A. J. McGreggor, president of the iron works, refused to discuss the matter.

Thinks Punishment Not Severe Enough

HAYWARD, Dec. 15.—His home bombarded by rocks, his windows smashed and his guests thrown into a panic by the firing of a machine gun, a local barber, considers justice has not dealt firmly enough with the disturbers of his domestic peace. Disatisfied with what he considers an inadequate sentence imposed by Justice of the Peace Charles Prowse on two men charged with throwing rocks through the windows of his place, the District Attorney's office, against the defendants, Numa and George Hesokor of Irvington, were tried before Judge Prowse this week on charges of disturbing the peace and each fined \$10. Moreira in his complaint claims the circumstances warrant a much more severe punishment. Not only was his house damaged by the bombardment but guests were badly scared, he says.

According to the evidence in the trial, the disturbance was proper. The marked Judge Prowse.

Moreira was informed by Deputy District Attorney A. Rogers that the ruling of the magistrate could not be altered but that he could bring suit for damages against the defendants.

That the offense was committed in a spirit of mischief was brought out in the evidence. Moreira, who is a well-known and well-respected citizen, pointed out and wants further satisfaction.

Church Officers Named at Big Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting of St. John's church at Eighth and Grove streets was held last evening. Rev. Father Spencer presiding. Reports of the various guilds were read, and the financial condition of the church was found to be most hopeful. Officers were elected as follows:

Wardens: Clifton H. Kroll and H. H. Hazard. Vestrymen: Frank Davis, Earl McCann, James McDonald, C. Robinson and Richard Patterson.

Delegates to the House of Church Women, which convenes in San Francisco the latter part of January in connection with the Diocesan convention, were named. They are Mesdames Irving Spencer, Kroll, Brock, Mrs. Arthur Moritz and Miss Williams, secretary, with the following alternates, Miss Hildesheim, Mrs. Earl McCann, Mrs. David Ever, Mrs. Charles D. Woodie, and Sister Amy, deaconess.

BURGLAR, CHASED, CAPTURED.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Dodging in and out behind piles of brick and clumps of trees in a vacant lot at Turk and Leavenworth streets this morning, Patrolman John McGee played hide-and-seek with an alleged burglar who later gave the name of William Hogue. He was captured, after a running chase, in the doorway of a McAllister street theater. His alleged accomplice, Albie Uddell, had been previously arrested by McGee and Patrolman Riley.

BEST TREATMENT FOR COUGH.
"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for the past five years, and for cough, cold, croup, whooping cough, writes Bernard George Nelson, M.D. Before becoming acquainted with this remedy Mr. George lost a child from an attack of croup. For sale by Good Bros. Drug Stores.—Advertisement.

Oakland's Art Center

Impossible to describe the selections. Bewildering and beautiful has been the holiday gatherings for this store.

THESE ITEMS BUT SUGGEST

Soba Pottery
In low bowls for fruit or nuts or flowers—
50¢ up to \$3.00

Smoking Sets
Including stands and odd pieces in wood or metal.

Desk Sets
In scores of patterns and designs.
Nippon solid bronze in Bowls and Vases. Priced—
\$1.25 up to \$20.00

Silverware
Marmalade Jar, with Spoon 89¢
Cube Sugar Trays 69¢
Sterling Handle Cake or Pie Knives \$1.25
Pie Dishes \$2.75

Kitchenware
Do not overlook the hundreds of useful articles to be found in this big department in Basement.

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Albatross Negligees, short or long—\$3.50 and up.
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Silk Petticoats
Always appreciated at Christmas time. Many different styles of pleated flounces and tucks, fancy or plain effects. Of soft taffeta, messaline and messaline and jersey combinations. Evening and street shades—\$2.50 and up to \$12.50.

Brassieres
"I had never thought of Brassieres for gifts until I saw your beautiful display. They are just the thing," said a customer yesterday. We've sold hundreds of them in pretty Christmas boxes but our assortment is still complete. Made of fine or heavy allover lace, fine deeply embroidered tops, dainty crepe de chine and combinations of lace and embroidery—50¢ to \$5.

Silk Stockings
Every good make in black or the shade to match the evening gown or afternoon frock.
No woman ever had enough Silk Stockings, so it is perfectly safe to give them.
Our large and varied stocks offer the most satisfactory choice for gift purposes—75¢ to \$7.50 pair.

The Newest in Millinery

New York Hats—Copies of Paris Models Just Out of their Boxes

Smart new mid-season Hats now being worn on Fifth avenue and shown first at CAPWELLS.

EXQUISITE FLOWERED TURBANS so new and chic that women are talking about them from one end of Oakland to the other.

JET HATS—an anticipation of fashion's very latest edict. Shown exclusively at CAPWELLS.

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New Untrimmed Satin Hats \$2.95 and up

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See Window Display.

Gourds, Paradise and Corsages for Gifts

A suggestion to the men folks. Here is the gift supreme for a woman. A fine piece of paradise will last a life time and give greatest pleasure. Prices—\$2.95 to \$65. Lovely Corsage Bouquets of many kinds in handsome boxes—25¢ and up.

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Comfortable trim and neat appearing. Slippers that cannot fail to satisfy every preference and practically every pocket book.

Men's Tan Cavaliers \$3.00 and \$4.00	Men's Black Seal Opera Slippers \$3.00
Men's Tan Nullifiers \$3.00	Men's Tan Alligator Slippers \$3.00
Men's Tan Romeos \$2.00 and \$2.50	Men's Tan Kid Opera Slippers \$1.50 to \$2.50
Men's Brown Suede Opera Slippers \$3.00	Men's Tan Kid Everett Slippers \$1.50 to \$2
Men's Tan Calf Opera Slippers \$2.00	Men's Comfy Felt Slippers \$1.25 to \$2.00
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SALE of SILK Dresses \$4.98

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A disposal of over fifty of this season's dresses made in styles that are new, becoming and pretty. Some of them are trimmed with graceful fur bands, others are braid trimmed and still others are trimmed in self and contrasting colors.

These are Dresses that sell regularly up to \$12.50. Colors—Copenhagen, tan, gray, wistaria, black and navy.

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Xmas Electric Appliance Gift Suggestions

Handsome in appearance and highly finished electric household appliances are an ornament to any dining table. Each has its own heater—no need for one heater for several appliances—all can be used at the same time.

ELECTRIC IRONING.

With an electric iron there is no hot stove; no steps lost in changing from the iron to the stove. Ironing can be done in any room. In these irons the heat is uniform, the weight well distributed, the handle always cool.

COOKING BREAKFAST.

An electric Toaster-Stove bakes griddle cakes, fries meats and eggs, and makes most delicious toast while the electric Percolator is steaming the coffee. A complete breakfast can be cooked easily and quickly at the table.

PREPARING LUNCHEON.

You can prepare luncheon while chatting with a guest. A Toaster-Stove for the "toast" and an electric Tea Samovar or Percolator for the "drinks" is a good combination.

SUPPER TIME.

Nothing is more enjoyable than a chafing dish supper with an electric Chafing Dish—no flame, no odor. Add a Toaster-Stove for meats and muffins, and a Percolator or Samovar and you have an ideal supper set.

DINNER.

Dinner can be prepared the electric way. An electric Sauté Pan will bake, stew or roast—can be used as

a large sauce pan or as a small oven. An electric Frying Pan is also handy. Radiant Toaster, Percolator, Samovar and Chafing Dish always prove useful.

FOR THE BOUDOIR.

The up-to-date boudoir is provided with an electric Curling Iron—always hot when wanted, no fumes or soot; an Electrotherm (heating pad) to replace the hot water bag—always ready, never too hot or too cold; a Nursery Milk Warmer—baby's food in four minutes, boiling water in six; a Traveler's Iron for light pressing in a hurry, and an electric Radiator for chilly mornings.

FOR THE SEWING ROOM.

The electric Sewing Machine Motor, which can easily be attached to your machine, eliminates fatigue from sewing and reduces the time required. Starts, stops, runs fast or slow by the pressure of the foot. The electric iron saves many steps to the stove. With Electric Ware you can cook lunch in the sewing room on busy days.

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The motor saves labor in polishing silverware, sharpening knives, running the sewing machine, and in numerous jobs. Motor-driven washing machines, ice cream freezers, vacuum cleaners, etc. are great home and labor savers.

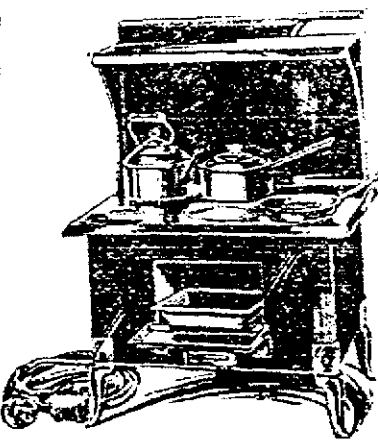
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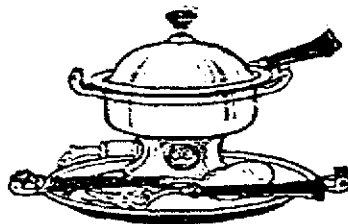
HORSE DIES IN GRAVE.

MARYVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 15.—A horse belonging to J. A. Goddard broke out of the barn lot and wandered to the Magnolia cemetery. The day previous a grave had been dug and a canvas stretched across it. The horse stepped on the canvas, which gave way, breaking his neck and front

legs. A cow belonging to Mr. Goddard, enclosed in the same barn lot, followed the horse to the cemetery, and was found next morning near the horse, trapped in a grave on which she had stepped and which had caved in with her. The cow had been in this predicament for some time, but when removed seemed to be free from injury.

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Second—No. 1550—Mrs. L. Murden, 1657 Aileen St., Oakland; General Electric Milk Warmer.
Third—No. 19326—Everetta Allen, 1319 Adeline St., Oakland; Westinghouse Toaster.
Fourth—No. 8060—Mrs. E. L. Cordy, 608 36th St., Oakland; Western Electric Radiant Heater.
Fifth—No. 2581—Theresa L. Collier, 1023 Persalta St., Oakland; Hotpoint Electric Iron.
Sixth—No. 8323—Laura A. Gissler, 2339 Rosedale Ave., Fruitvale; General Electric Toaster.
Seventh—No. 11362—Mrs. J. W. Vogelsang, 386 24th St., Oakland; Westinghouse Small Percolator.
Eighth—No. 9183—Mrs. John Flemming, 2915 13th St., Oakland; Curling Iron Heater.

Prizes may be obtained from any dealer named thereon (on presentation of card bearing corresponding number), if prizes are not appropriate it may be changed for another electric appliance of equal value.

Prizes must be called for on or before Dec. 20, 1915.
School Children's Essay Contest closes Saturday, December 18. Mail or deliver essays to G. J. King, Room 201 Baker Block, 12th and Washington sts., Oakland.

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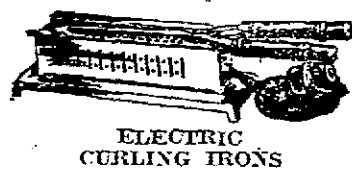
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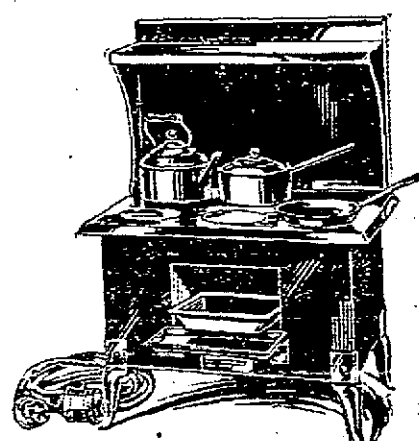
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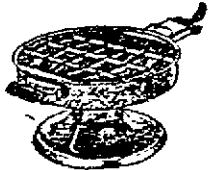
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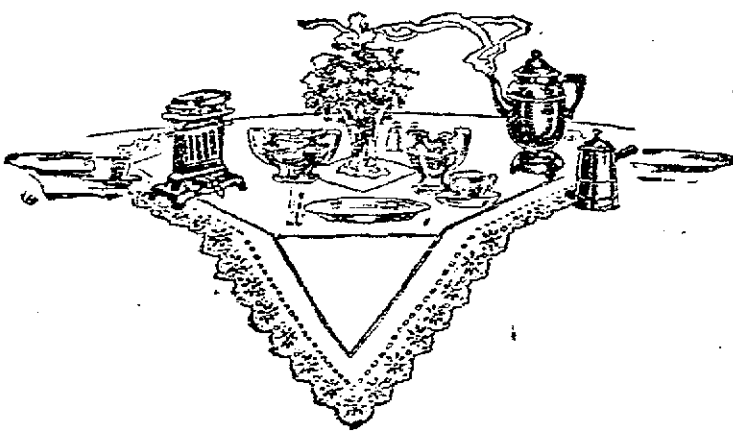
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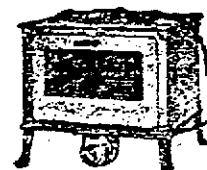


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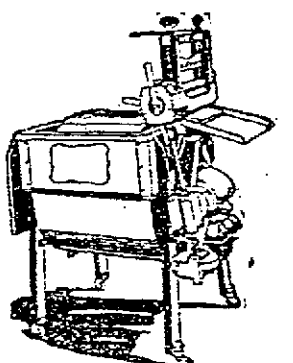


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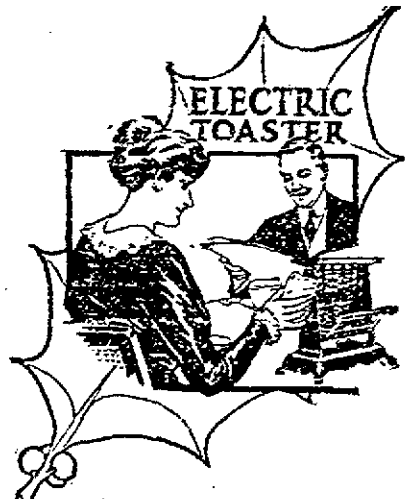
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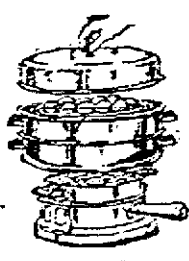
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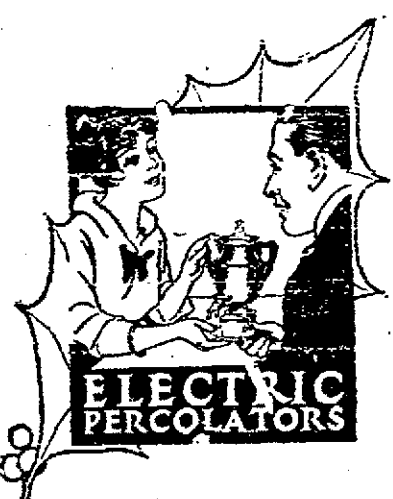
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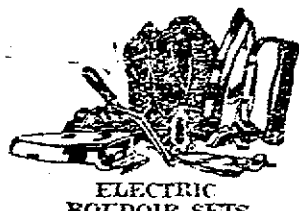
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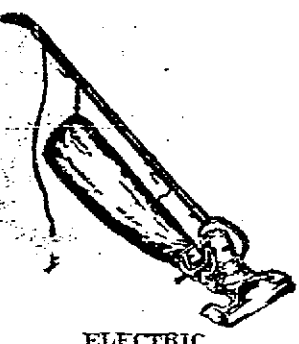
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KING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



JOSEPH H. KING, WHO WAS LAST NIGHT ELECTED THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

With a constructive program mapped out for the virile development of Oakland's industrial life, Joseph H. King, prominent realty dealer and one of the most active of the city's "boosters," is today president of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club. He was elected to the office as successor to Victor H. Metcalf at a meeting of the new board of directors at the Hotel Oakland last evening. The greatest harmony prevailed, the election, in each instance, being unanimous.

King assumes office pledged to a platform which promises to place Oakland in the front rank of Pacific Coast business and industrial cities within the next few years. With him were elected to office George W. Hatch, first vice-president, and W. K. Cole, the banker, second vice-president. Joseph E. Caine was re-elected secretary of the consolidated organization. Hatch and Cole succeed King and A. S. Lavenston, retiring member of the board.

PLAN CONSTRUCTIVE WORK.
"My plans for the year are all on the constructive line," King said this morning. "For the last months, during the period of business depression, we have heard asked on every hand, 'What is the matter with Oakland?' Well, I think I know what is the matter with Oakland, and my administration of the affairs of this organization will strive to rectify the trouble."

"The life of any community depends upon its business. Oakland is a fine, beautiful city with a mighty wobbly foundation of business. It has no big business foundation on which to stand in time of adversity. It is the duty of this organization to make the most of this city's many natural advantages and bring business and industry here."

"The opening of the Panama Canal is slowly but surely changing all of the old trade routes. The Pacific Coast is coming into its own. San Francisco Bay is the only sea level entrance to the vast territory stretching from here to Salt Lake City. Therefore, the great industries of this vast region must concentrate some place on San Francisco Bay."

"Oakland has the most natural advantages for trade and commerce and industry of any spot about the bay or on the Pacific Coast for that matter. By a spirit of co-operation of all organizations and individuals of the city we will bring this business here."

Y. M. I. TO MEET.
The semi-annual election of officers of Oakland Council No. 6, Young Men's Institute, will be held at the Y. M. I. hall, 263 Twelfth street, at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening. J. P. Flannery, speaker of the council, aided by the "Good of the Order" committee, is arranging an entertainment.

THE GRIP.
Grip is something of a joke to those who have never had it, but when they do, it becomes a real sense of humor. To disperse it as ever more appropriately named because grip is the hold of the entire system. To get rid of it take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and carefully observe the directions with each bottle. This remedy is highly recommended by those who have used it and know its real value. For sale by Osgood Bros. Drug Stores.

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FRANKLIN CANYON OPEN FOR TRAVEL

Only Route Between Oakland
and Martinez for Wet
Weather.

(By EDMUND CRIVINON.)

The road to Martinez by way of the Franklin Canyon is still open after the heavy storms of the last part of the week and judging from the efforts of the road crew under Supervisor Judge J. H. Hemenway, the road will be open all winter for auto travel and will also enjoy the same condition of being the only highway connecting Alameda and Contra Costa counties during the winter months. As both the Tunnel road and the Port Costa road, in all probability, be closed most of the winter season on account of the road work now in progress.

At the present time the Franklin Canyon road is in excellent shape with the exception of several stretches where the Supervisor has not had time to get his crews to cover with gravel. On these spots after wet rains as we had during Sunday and Monday the roadbed gets very soft and slippery and the use of skis is absolutely necessary.

Yesterday for the purpose of getting first-hand information of the road conditions for the motorists of Alameda county, Frank Sanford of the Hayward division of the State Highway Department of the TRIBUNE and a hurried trip was made over the Franklin Canyon road into Martinez and return.

The road was found in the condition above described and it is promised by Supervisor Casey that this road will be open all winter, which will be welcome news for the motorists, inasmuch as it makes practical the year round use of the beautiful Napa valley, Sonoma county, and in fact all of the Northern California tours over the state highway system by the use of the Marin-Tribune ferryboat. A map of this road will appear in Sunday's issue of the TRIBUNE.

CALIFORNIA LUBRICANTS WANTED.

"The shipment of California lubricants to eastern and middle west markets by the Standard of California is increasing greatly. No figures whatever are available as to the extent of this trade, but there would be great surprise if there were such figures published. Zerolene lubricants have gone east in large quantities by both train and ship. The engineers of several leading auto manufacturers have pronounced in favor of asphalt base oil for lubricants and consumers are learning its advantages. One advantage claimed for lubricants properly made from asphalt base oil is an immense superiority in withstanding cold weather, a very important factor in the north and east. And there is not quite enough asphalt oil in the east to supply the demand on the consumers all over the country. Across it has been shown that the Californians have made the best lubricants on far for withstanding cold, and their oil is asphalt base like California. It is even said that some California lubricants shipped east have found their way back here mixed with eastern and under new brands."—California Oil World.

AUTO SHOW MONDAY.

Considerable interest is being shown in the coming Auto Salon De Luxe which will be held in the Hotel Oakland next Monday and Tuesday, according to Walter Hemenway who has charge of the affair.

The exhibition will be chiefly of the closed car types and some of the latest models of the touring car type. The show now being held in the Palace Hotel in San Francisco shows the same lines by Hemenway in the San Francisco show some 42 cars are being exhibited, while in Oakland the space will allow but 25 cars to be exhibited. An attractive program has been arranged by Hemenway for the coming event in the Hotel Oakland and it promises to be a big success from the standpoint of attendance. Among the dealers that will exhibit their latest models are: H. O. Harrison, showing the Dodge and Hudson cars; Don Lee, exhibiting the Oakland and Cadillac; Arnet and Presley, with the Allen cars; and the Hemenway Motor Co. with the Buick automobile line. Hemenway is in Oakland today signing up for the balance of the space which is at his disposal for the Oakland event.

AUTO DEALERS MEET.

The Automobile dealers of Oakland held a get-together meeting last evening in the rooms of the Commercial Club in the Hotel Oakland, for the purpose of discussing trade problems in general and to promote their interests in Alameda county.

The meeting was a big success both from the standpoint of interest shown in the discussions and also from the attendance. Nearly every motor car selling agency in Oakland was represented and much closer relations were established in the matter of handling trade problems. It was decided by the dealers present last evening to hold such meetings at least once a month and the first Thursday of every month was set as a date for these events.

All Women Need

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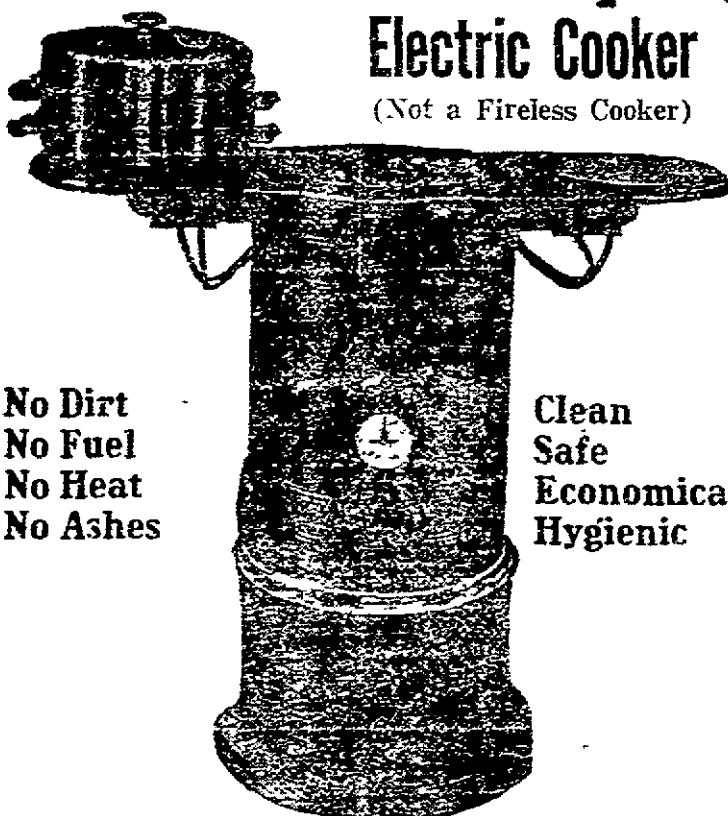
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Heating element guaranteed never to burn out. Guaranteed for three years.

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Diamonds at prices never before—
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your friends and family at home this week. If you do all your Christmas shopping now the men and women of the Christmas trenches will not be utterly exhausted Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning they can get up with as much joyous enthusiasm for the great holiday of peace and good-will as any one else. Don't begrudge them that privilege, for you haven't any right to rob them of it.

THE RURAL CHURCHES.

The national conference of the Commission on Church and Country Life at Columbus, Ohio, has disclosed some very vital data concerning the rural church situation in the United States. Clergymen and church members may well give the proceedings of this conference careful consideration. About one thousand delegates from church and agricultural organizations in all parts of the country were in attendance. President Wilson, Gifford Pinchot and Governor Frank B. Willis of Ohio were among the speakers. Governor Willis had this to say:

Carefully compiled figures seem to show beyond question that the rural churches in Ohio have come upon evil times, that they have ceased to grow, that 83 per cent have a membership of less than 100, that one out of every nine country churches has been abandoned in recent years, that only one-third are increasing in membership, that two-thirds have either ceased growing or are dying. It seems especially significant that less than 10 per cent of the rural population are church members. Such a situation is one that demands the concentrated and undivided attention of the leaders in church thought and action. The day of two or three or four small churches in a community of two or three hundred people is past. The times forbid the continuation of sectarian differences that have agitated and at times disrupted the churches of former days.

These figures are significant, more so because they are probably typical. The decadent condition of rural churches is a problem deserving immediate attention. If churches in the country are being abandoned at the rate of 10 per cent annually, if only 83 per cent have a membership of over one hundred and if only one-third of the churches are recording increases in membership, church organizations ought to do something. The statement of Rev. Alvah W. Taylor of Columbia, Missouri, that the day of emphasis upon creedal distinctions has passed and that the church of tomorrow will be a community rather than a sectarian institution appeals with much force to the mere layman.

So far as the country churches are concerned it would seem they have not yet comprehended the value of modern efficiency methods, the methods which business has developed and which governments are being forced to adopt. If the country churches are suffering from attrition and anemia some reorganization remedy is needed. The delegates to the Columbus conference are of this opinion. They agreed that rural churches are too numerous and consequently inefficient; that their membership is too small; that country preachers are underpaid and that energies are divided among too many charges. To the onlooker it seems a pity that decay should be allowed to proceed in so valuable an institution for social order. Out of sheer pride, if for no other motive, modern intelligence does not countenance such a condition. The Columbus conference was the first nation-wide assembly of church leaders and we may expect it to result in a campaign to revivify and reshape rural church work.

Political capital is to be made for the Democratic candidate by the claim that President Wilson has kept this country out of the European war. But this is not the correct way to put it. He has not kept us out; he has simply not got us in. Danger in this direction has not yet been imminent. In fact, this country has not shown as much backbone on several occasions as it might have done and still not have incurred trouble that would have necessitated taking a hand in the war. So far, nobody who might have been President would have got us into trouble with foreign nations, if a single exception is made; and the chances are that he would have been vastly more cautious with the responsibility of the nation on his shoulders than he has appeared to be in the role of critic-extraordinary, entirely without responsibility.

An Oakland policeman, after investigation, was found guilty of having taken a woman of questionable character to a lower Broadway lodging house, where the two attempted to violate the city ordinance against using lodging houses for immoral purposes, false registration and the Red Light Abatement Act. While there the patrolman got into an altercation with the landlady, and is alleged to have knocked her down. For this picadillo it was recommended that the policeman be reprimanded. Speculation is general as to how many statutes and ordinances it would be necessary for a patrolman to violate to win a medal of honor or promotion.

Reports from Berlin are to the effect that the Reichstag will be asked to vote an additional credit of two billion, five hundred million dollars. Eight billions in loans have already been issued. With the additional credit the German war debt will have reached about \$200 per capita of the population. With the exception of Italy the per capita war debt of the other belligerents has been as great. Upon these figures the people of Europe will be pledged to pay a per capita interest of fifteen dollars a year. The end is not yet in sight. Such financial burdens will have many important economic effects, but the one of greatest interest to the United States will be the desire of those who can to emigrate to escape the heavy taxes.

NOTES and COMMENT

Fetching up supplies: One hundred and forty gross of bottles have been shipped to England.

This is the time of year when millions of thirty young spruce trees are merrily making a fragrant and colorful Christmas holiday.

Many of the Chinese in China, and about all of them elsewhere, are opposed to the new monarchy, and appear to see a fine chance to start something.

Secretary of State Jordan explains the registration law to the extent of a column, but the attorney-general says the other thing, and what he says goes for the present.

Mr. Bryan, according to a dispatch has no illusions as to the Progressive party holding together for the campaign of 1916, however far afield he may be in some other political matters.

Here is the story again about the Germans. Owing to the necessities, the Germans have succeeded in making a practical artificial rubber. It was regarded of such importance that it was announced in the Reichstag by the chancellor.

The Ford envys are fighting among themselves at last reports as they sail merrily along on their mission to put an end to fighting among others. This positively is the only Ford item that will be permitted to appear in this column today.

It will take five years to build the big ships to compose the half billion-dollar navy recommended by Secretary Daniels; but only five minutes to sink it in the event of sufficient submarines getting in their work all at once, and providing we are unable to devise a more effective way to guard against these craft.

The woman suffrage petition, three and one-half miles long, missing when they got ready to hand it in to Congress, was subsequently found. It was on its way all the time, our failed to arrive at the psychological moment. By the way, how do they proceed to "hand in" a petition that is three and one-half miles long?

Austria has finally listened about the sinking of the Ancona, and seems to be surprised. Apparently with its ear to the phone, it is inquiring: "What ship?" and "Who did you say sank it?" and "What do you want to know, any way?" These European diplomats have a habit of being very ingenious when they don't know just what else to do.

Senator Tillman holds that T. R. overshoots the mark of unpreparedness as far as W. J. B. falls short of it. But Senator Tillman may be impelled to this criticism because between them they have occupied the spectacular positions, leaving him to just hang around. The Senator likes to be long or short on public questions himself. He is never normal.

Poincaré, the last of the Progressives in the Senate, has now registered in the official directory as a Republican. Thus vanishes from the highest legislative body all representatives of a tumult that was heralded to revolutionize government and redeem the body politic from ills it doesn't yet know it is afflicted with.

SEN. CLARKE'S PAINFUL DUTY.

Senator Clarke of Arkansas, so the Washington war correspondents report, "won't speak to" Senator Stone and Senator Reed of Missouri. Evidently this dispatch escaped the censor's notice.

Painful as it may be to Senator Clarke, he must speak to both the distinguished Missourians, for he is president pro tempore of the senate, and cannot escape presiding when Senator Reed is addressing the Senate because Senator Reed is always addressing the Senate.

Arises Senator Stone in his place, fixes the presiding officer with his irresistible eye, and says, "Mr. President."

"For what purpose does the senior senator from Missouri rise?" President pro tempore Clarke asks, responsive to the eye. "Will my colleague permit of an interruption?" asks Senator Stone impressively.

Then the president pro tempore, wishing as he may be that it were otherwise, must say, "Does the junior senator from Missouri yield to his colleague?" So there you are. The war correspondents should strive always for accuracy.—New York Sun.

THE LANGUAGE OF DIPLOMACY.

Ex-Secretary of State Bryan wants President Wilson to demand of the warring nations "What are you fighting about?"

It is a fine thing to observe how the very spirit, the refinements, the nicety of diplomatic language, usages, punctiliousness of intercourse, tactfulness, fastidious regard for national pride cling to a man after even a brief experience as Secretary of State. A longer experience would, perhaps, have even more exquisitely refined the language Mr. Bryan would have the president use. In view of what war is so often compared with, why should not Mr. Bryan demand that the president ask the belligerents, "What the hell are you fighting about?"—New York Sun.

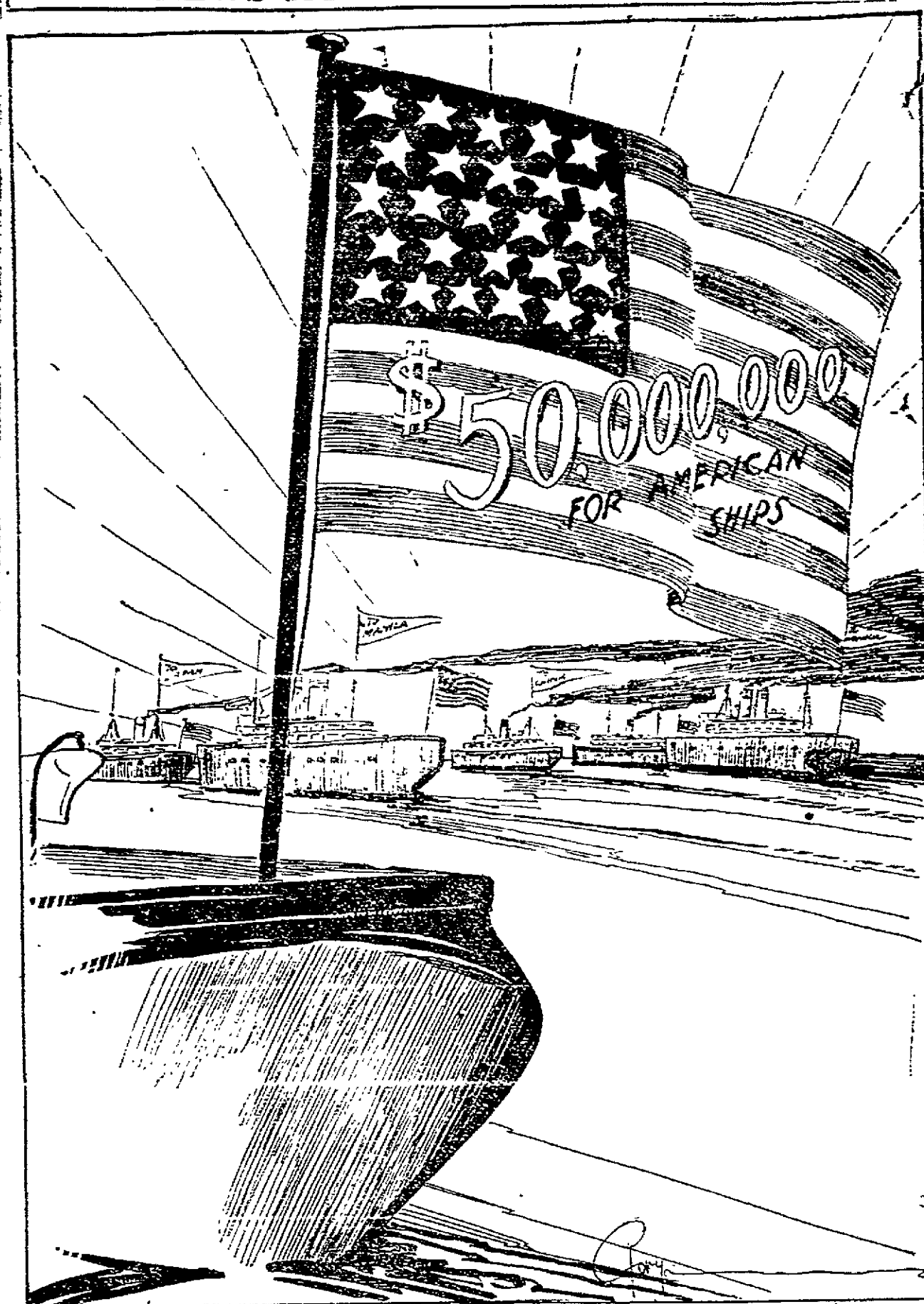
WHY NOT LA FOLLETTE?

The Nebraska Republicans are finding it difficult to get a satisfactory presidential candidate to put on their preferential primary ballot. If they want to end their troubles they should ask Senator La Follette for permission to use his name. Not even ex-Senator Stephenson, his one-time colleague and dearest enemy, doubts that Pompadour Bob would give his consent.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

KNOWLEDGE BY EXPERIENCE.

"I have been in politics half a century," said Senator Stone, "and I know when I am licked." Thus it is not true that experience is the only thing that does not teach.—New York Sun.

NEWS ITEM: "MERCHANT FLEET PURCHASED FOR TRANS-PACIFIC TRADE."



SHAW FAVORS PACIFIC NAVY

I have no intention of visiting the United States this year. If I had, I am afraid you would hesitate to welcome me on your platform. I should strenuously recommend the United States to build 32 new dreadnaughts instead of 16, and to spend \$2,000,000,000 on its armament program instead of \$1,000,000,000. This would cost only a fraction of the money you are wasting every year in demoralizing luxury, a good deal of it having been in the past scattered over the continental countries which are now using what they saved out of it to slaughter one another.

If the United States wishes to stop war as an institution; that is, to undertake the policing of the world, it will need a very big club for the purpose. It is possible, however, now that the belligerents are bleeding to death so rapidly that the only question to be decided is which side will be first exhausted, that the United States might not only induce them to state the terms on which they will consent to make peace, but even to co-operate in establishing super-national institutions which will provide an alternative to war, and even deal with war as a crime.

Until then the United States can decline to enter the race for the biggest armament only at the risk of finding itself where Britain would have been today if it had refused to keep ahead of the German fleet. It is true that at present the pacifism of America is the hope of the world; but it is because America is powerful as well as pacific that she will be listened to. If I were an American statesman, I should tell the country that it should maintain a Pacific navy capable of resisting an attack from Japan and an Atlantic navy capable of resisting an attack from England, with Zeppelins on the same scale, a proportionate land equipment of siege guns, and so forth. And until the nations see the suicidal folly of staking everything in the last instance on the ordeal of battle, no other advice will be honest advice.—George Bernard Shaw's letter to the Inter-collegiate Socialist Society.

THE JESTER.

Sad Reminiscence.

A certain man stayed out much later at night than his wife liked, and as he would never tell her where he had been she got their little boy to ask him.

One morning at breakfast the youngster said, "Dad, where was yer last night?"

"Never you mind where I was," answered the father.

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WOMAN, WITH PISTOL, ROBS RESTAURANT

Muff Hides Weapon of
Fair Stockton "Des-
perado"

Arrested, She Refuses to
Give Name; Blames
Illness

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 15.—Jerking a gun from out her muff, a young woman last night held up a cashier of a downtown restaurant, and after securing the \$25 in the register, hastened from the place, only to be followed at a safe distance until an officer was summoned to arrest her. At the police office she said she robbed the restaurant in order to get money to cure a disease with which she was afflicted. When pressed for her name she gave only the initial of her first name, "M." and said her family name was Lovendick and that they lived in the state of Washington.

Rainfall Above Normal; Heavy Snow in Sierra

The storm which swept over California for 48 hours has passed eastward. The last rain fell at San Diego early this morning. California received a thorough drenching, and the rainfall was brought to a point above normal, which is considered extremely advantageous at this time of the year. There was not a section of the farming community that did not receive a generous supply and in the Sierra Nevada snow, which is still falling, is storing up water for future use. In 48 hours there fell at Summit 15 inches and the cold continues in that region. The rain during the last 24 hours extended from Oakland to San Diego, beginning with a trace here early yesterday morning. It gradually increased as the storm swept southward and San Diego received 3.7. Most of the situation south of Tehachapi reported nearly a half inch.

KING CONSTANTINE SICK.
LONDON, Dec. 15.—King Constantine of Greece has contracted a mild influenza, with symptoms of a slight fever, according to the Athens correspondent of the Daily Chronicle. The court physicians are said to have prescribed that the king take a complete rest and abstain from participation in state affairs.



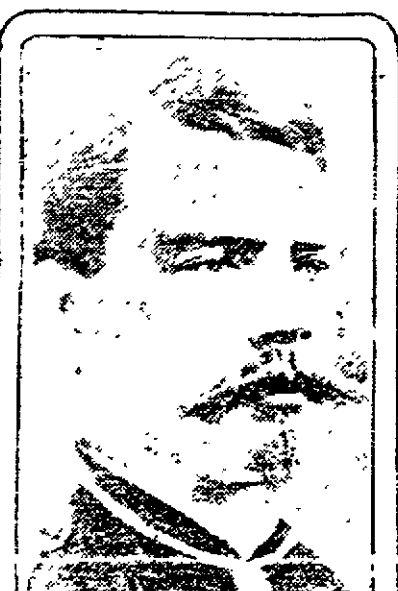
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WIDOW OF SOLDIER IN CUSTER'S LAST BATTLE, IS DEAD



THE LATE MRS. ELIZA
FRANCES PORTER, AS SHE
APPEARED IN 1876, WHEN
HER HUSBAND, LIEUT.
DAVID PORTER, SHOWN IN
HIS REGIMENTALS, DIED
WITH CUSTER IN BATTLE
ON THE LITTLE BIG HORN.

Mrs. Eliza Frances Porter, 66 years old, widow of Lieutenant Porter, one of the heroic band who died with General Custer on the Little Big Horn in 1876, and mother-in-law of Mrs. Augusta C. Porter, of 2515 Regent street, Berkeley, died at her home in San Jose yesterday, and was buried today. She was a native of Maine. She is survived by two grand-children, living in Berkeley, and a niece, Mrs. W. E. Wild, of Winchester, Mass.

Lieutenant David Porter was graduated from West Point in the late sixties. He was married shortly afterward, and detailed with General Custer's command for a campaign against Sitting Bull, the famous Indian chief, who was beating back the outposts of civilization with 6000 warriors from a base in the Yellowstone. Troops were divided into three bands, two led by Crook and Terry and one by Custer, the latter being sent ahead to cut off possible retreat to the eastward. Custer arrived a day ahead of his companions and his scouts sighted an Indian village. Believing that there were few defenders he divided his force and with 277 men charged the camp. Immediately he was surrounded by Sitting Bull's 6000 warriors. There was no thought of surrender and Custer and his men were all killed. As a tribute to his bravery, the red men refused to mutilate the leader's body. The other detachment of Custer's force managed to hold out until reinforcements arrived.

Mrs. Porter, as a bride, accompanied her husband west and endured hardships of frontier life. The death of her husband was a terrible blow and left her an invalid in an army post for some time. Afterward she went to Berkeley, where her son, the late David A. Porter, was educated, being graduated with the '94 class from the University of California. He married and died nine years later, leaving a widow and two children—James and Ernestine.

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OAKLAND IS THANKED FOR HELPING S. F.

National Convention Effort Is Thoroughly Appreciated

Committeeman Marshal Hale Pleased With Showing

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The thirteen delegates who gave San Francisco the second highest vote as choice for the 1916 Republican convention, did were from California, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Utah, Texas, Louisiana, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Hawaii and New York. San Francisco's claims were presented by Representative Julius Kahn and F. H. Short of Fresno who presented the committee with the \$100,000 certified check bearing the signature of John Hays Hammond, and guaranteeing the expenses of the convention if held in the Exposition City.

An additional recommendation to the committeemen to choose San Francisco was offered at the last moment in the form of a telegram from the national conventions committee in San Francisco to the national committee in Washington, guaranteeing, in addition to the \$100,000, that the traveling expenses, both ways, of the delegates to the convention would be paid.

The convention will be held in Chicago on June 7, one week before the Democratic convention will open in St. Louis, Mo. The choice of this early date will cause several states to change the dates of their primaries for choice of delegates.

The meeting of the national committee closed yesterday with the presentation of arguments for and against suffrage by women representatives on both sides of the question. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt and Mrs. Antoinette Funk of the National Woman's Suffrage Association led the delegation of that organization. Mrs. Arthur Dodge of New York headed the delegation of the "antis." No action was taken by the committee on the suffrage question.

SUCCESS SCORED BY ALICE GENTLE

Enthusiastic Audience Hears
Singers With Orpheus Club.

One of the few women soloists to be heard in the concerts of the Orpheus Club scored a striking success last night at the club concert, at the Municipal Theater, when Alice Gentle, opera star and famed soprano, appeared with the chorus. Miss Gentle's contribution to the program was a unique feature of the concert. Her best number was the aria from Massenet's "El Cid," and for encores she sang four other numbers of interest. The chorus under the direction of Edwin Dunbar Crandall was heard in a number of its most successful chorus selections, and the Golden Gate quartet was an added feature on the program. Professor Crandall conducted the numbers. Mrs. Lowell Redfield officiating as accompanist. The Orpheus Club, Oakland's oldest singing organization, has for years held concerts during the winter season. Since the opening of the Auditorium theater, this has been the official headquarters of the society, rehearsals being held there and the concerts given in the building. The theater was crowded to the doors for the affair.

Realty Broker Sues His Cousins for \$1600

Dudley Moulton, County Horticultural Commissioner of San Francisco, has filed suit in the Superior Court against his cousins, B. B. and E. R. Dudley, who conduct the Yuba Land Company at 1702 Broadway for the collection of \$1600 salary claims. According to R. W. Pyper, the San Francisco attorney who filed the action for Moulton, the latter at one time was employed by his cousins as a manager in deals involving the sale of oil well properties. His salary is in arrears \$1600, he claims, and, although he has made repeated claims upon them, they have been unable to receive payment. The Dudleys are well known in Oakland and San Francisco financial circles. They were the organizers several years ago of the Western Commercial and Savings Bank, formerly known as the Harbor Bank. They have been involved in many other large deals in the past few years.

U. R. WOULD RECOUP HUGE SOLANO LOSS

President Lillenthal Is on Inspection Tour With Financiers

New Capital in Project Is Sought to Restore Investment

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Accompanying Lillenthal were Morris Rosenthal, Mason B. Starring and Benjamin T. Guiness, directors of the United Railway Investment Company, holding corporation of the United Railroads. The United Railroad is alleged to have withdrawn from the United Railroads, \$1,025,000 for investments in Solano farms, a gigantic real estate scheme which failed of realization several years ago. Lillenthal has been endeavoring to interest capital in the scheme to parcel off small farms in Solano county and this morning with his associates and several other persons, left here on the Oakland-Antioch railroad to visit the property.

CAPITAL RESORTING.
"I want to get some new capital interested," said Lillenthal, "in an endeavor to recover what the United Railroads has lost. That is our reason for visiting the Solano property today."

The United Railroads has made arrangements to take out of the \$1,000,000 marketable first mortgage bonds due today without having to appeal to the railroad commission for a new issue of notes. This does not mean, however, that the corporation will not endeavor to comply with the effect of the commission that an effort be made to recover from Patrick Calhoun, former president, the missing books for the years 1907 to 1911, which are alleged to show discrepancies entailing a loss of nearly \$5,000,000.

It was announced today that the action against Calhoun will not be begun in San Francisco, but in New York, if possible, or in whatever city Calhoun may be found.

TO REDEEM BONDS.
The railroad commission declined to allow the issuance of the \$1,800,000 worth of notes unless an effort was made to recover the books. President Lillenthal has announced that a syndicate composed of E. H. Rollins and Son, Anglo-London-Bank National Bank of San Francisco and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. of New York has been formed to take care of the bonds, which will be redeemed today, as sent at the local offices of E. H. Rollins & Son.

Philip M. Walsh III; Suffers Complication

Philip M. Walsh, one of the best known attorneys of Oakland and former assemblyman, is seriously ill at the Merritt Hospital where he has been confined for the last ten days with a complication of diseases. He is under the care of Dr. S. H. Bureau. His condition was improved today.



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LONELY GOOD FELLOW FINDS BROTHERHOOD OF MAN NOT DEAD ISSUE IN THIS WORLD



There is a pretty good old world after all. We may allow each other off the sidewalk in the hurry and bustle of every-day life, but once in a while something penetrates Twentieth Century barriers and we are found to be just as human as were our fathers and the generations that went before. The other day a Good Fellow wrote in to the editor of THE TRIBUNE and made what he acknowledged was an unusual request. He said that he was lonely and that for ten years he had spent his Christmas in the restaurant and hotel atmosphere. He had neither birth or sin, he wanted to make some children nappy and he wanted them to make him happy. So he asked THE TRIBUNE to find him a family for whom he could provide Christmas dinner and who would permit him to sit down at table with them; a sort of mutual adoption for the day. THE TRIBUNE FINDS THE FAMILY. The TRIBUNE about finding just the sort of a family that this "Lonely Good Fellow" wanted, and believes that it has succeeded. Anyway, the writer of the letter is being put in communication with a certain address where on Christmas Day poverty will be forgotten and the Brotherhood of Man will find fulfillment. But this is not all. THE TRIBUNE was so impressed with that letter that it was printed, the name and address, of course, being withheld. Evidently that little note of loneliness struck home strong in many hearts, for it has provoked many responses.

THEY ALL WANT TO MEET HIM.
Nor have these responses come from the expected source. People who can well afford to pay for their dinners are anxious to meet "Lonely Good Fellow." They want him to be their guest, not their host. They don't want him to be lonely on Christmas Day, and they rather take a fancy to the kind of a chap who wants to break out on Christmas Day with a family who will laugh and cry with him and make him feel "homey."

For instance, one person wrote from a fashionable and exclusive district: "We are not in need of a Christmas dinner, neither do we want presents, so we do want and need one to help us enjoy the dinner we will serve on Christmas Day. You see, several members of our family are absent this year, and as the holiday season approaches we realize how we are going to miss them when THE day arrives, so if you will consent to fill one of the vacant places, we'll promise to fill you, thereby making the favor mutual."

"Regarding the dinner and presents you mentioned in your letter, no doubt the same placed in the very competent hands of Mr. 'Good Fellow' will go to make some poor family very happy."

"Wherever you spend your Christmas—be it here or elsewhere—may it be a merry one."

This and a number of other letters of similar tenor will be sent to the man who is "lonely" and he may make his choice of California hospitality.

WHAT IS DOING TODAY

Meeting of the Board of Education.
Meeting of the East Bay Cities Executives, Berkeley.
Benefit entertainment and ball for the Oakland Newsboys, Municipal Auditorium.
Annual dinner of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Shattuck.
Oakland Club Jinks, Starr King Hall.
Prescott School Entertainment, 8 p. m.
Prescott School.
Emerson Mothers' Club meeting.
Ancient Order of Foresters, Turkey Whist, at Pythian Castle.
Police inspection, Oakland Auditorium, 2 p. m.

What Is Doing Tomorrow

Benefit Turkey Whist for St. Patrick's church, Teah and Pera restaurants.
Mass meeting of the County Hospital question, Oakland Auditorium.
Berkeley Center Meeting.
St. Bernard's Church Benefit Turkey Whist, Elmhurst.
Fremont High School Mothers' Club meeting.
Entertainment for the All Saints' Catholic Church of Hayward.

Engineer Responsible for His Son's Death

William W. Wing Sr., engineer of the Santa Fe passenger train which crashed at a rate of forty-five miles an hour a mile east of Stockton City Sunday afternoon, was responsible for the accident, and therefore for the death of his son, William A. Wing Jr., according to the verdict of a coroner's jury rendered last night. Both were killed in the wreck. The son was fireman on the freight engine into which the passenger engine driven by the latter crashed.

According to testimony introduced at the inquest, the freight train had a right to pull out of the siding on to the main line, as it was within the railroad yards, and therefore the duty of the passenger engineer to have his train under control. Company rules to this effect were offered in evidence.

Vienna Believes Austria Will Pay

GENEVA, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Vienna, received by war of Buchs, Switzerland states that President Wilson's note to Austria regarding the Ancona incident has produced a profound impression in government and political circles. The note is said to be resented by a minority. It is generally believed in Vienna, says the dispatch, that Austria will give satisfaction and will pay an indemnity, especially as she has large interests in America. Baron von Bueren, the Austrian foreign minister, has called a special council to discuss the matter.

Marvelous Invention Has Many Unsuccessful Imitations

Latest Discovery in Optical Field Causes Much Favorable Comment.
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RAND \$35,000 BURGLAR MAY BE IN PRISON

The Philadelphia Police Make Important Capture

Prisoner Confesses to Theft; Wanted in Berkeley

Chief of Police Vollmer of Berkeley is today investigating the story told last night at Philadelphia by Frank Roberts, alias Frank Marshall, that he had acquired jewelry found in his possession in a \$35,000 robbery in Alameda county a year ago. Some of the jewelry which he was found to have stolen in general description with valuables stolen a few months ago from the residence of W. H. Rand, 82 Hillcrest road, in Berkeley. The Oakland police department has replied to Philadelphia inquiries with the information that no such burglary as was recounted by Roberts had occurred in this city. Chief Vollmer believes that it may have been the Rand burglary to which Roberts is referring.

A wire from Philadelphia from Police Chief Robert B. Cameron declares that Roberts confessed to a robbery of an Oakland residence, in which he says he took \$35,000 in jewelry in a second-story job about three months ago. The Rand house was entered by a second-story burglar. Roberts was arrested in Philadelphia when he tried to pawn a diamond and opal ring in that city. Such a ring was stolen from the Rand residence. Chief Vollmer will be at once to Philadelphia for further description of the three diamond rings found in Roberts' possession.

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Peace Dove Hovers Over Baseball Camps; Malone and Arrousey Ready for Bout

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TALK OF PEACE AGAIN RIFE IN BASEBALL CIRCLES

Calahan and Powers Are in Chicago Seeking for Favorable Trades.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. — When the National League managers assembled this morning they had a chance to sleep over the peace rumors, and they seemed more confident than ever that the Federal League would soon be absorbed in organized baseball in a way that would be satisfactory to the outlaws.

PEACE MEETING HELD. The meeting, which began at 10 o'clock, was held in the late night and which was attended by the managers of the National League and the Federal League club owners earlier in the day, formed part of a dinner given by President Tener to the club owners of the league. Every one of the eight National League executives is said to have been present, in addition to James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal League, and Harry F. Sinclair, treasurer of the Newark Federals, one of the league's backbones of the independent league.

The meeting is said to have been a continuation of the conference held in Philadelphia during the world's series, and a tentative outline of the peace whereby a working agreement might be reached was outlined. While none of the managers would affirm the report, it is believed that the peace plan is being offered to permit certain Federal League players to be purchased in several of the clubs, and for others to be taken care of in eastern minor leagues.

WAITING FOR BARNEY. CHICAGO, Dec. 15. — The report that Barney Dreyfus was coming to Chicago to discuss peace with his colleagues of the American League who are gathered here for their annual meeting, led to the managers professing to know nothing about it.

By the way the baseball men conferred by two in hotel lobbies and corridors, and most of it concerned trades, it was said. The close of the day, however, saw no changes in the prospects of the league for next season. The locals were still without a new third baseman. Colonel Jacob Ruppert of the Yankees had not obtained Home Run Baker nor turned Baker over to Comiskey, and Clark Griffith of Washington still had two first basemen.

The absence of any trades was largely because of the absence of Connie Mack and several other managers. That trades were looked for, however, was evident by the presence of Mike Cantillon of Minneapolis, Robert Quinn of Columbus, John Powers and James Callahan of Los Angeles.

BASKETBALL

The Victor 120-pound basketball team has organized for the season and would like to meet any team that might be organized. The team is composed of: Gagnon, Mollenburg, and Schweitzer in the forward positions, Bertram at center, and Gravelle and Stevin guards, shape up as one of the fastest teams of their weight. Teams desiring games communicate with L. Chavoux, 121 Post street, San Francisco, Cal.

Al Sommers of Portland is the light heavyweight champion of the northwest following a six round victory over Earl McIntosh at Portland last night. Sommers will now meet Billy Weeks of Vancouver.



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Reminiscences of a Veteran Sporting Editor

By MR. MCDONN.

Some boxers get very nervous just before a fight. Others preserve great coolness just before the commencement of hostilities. It is hardly likely that any two boxers have the same feelings just before or when entering the ring. Ask any man just before a fight how he feels and he will usually say "all right."

As a matter of fact there are few who do not do a little worrying, even though they manage to conceal it. Many fighters try their utmost to conceal their real condition and apprehension before a mill.

They will do all sorts of things to mislead their intimate friends and even their trainers.

They will feign happiness, joke and convey the impression that the whole world is sunshine to them, when at the same time they are brooding and doing some hard thinking over the encounter.

Sullivan had no nerves at all. Neither had Jim Jeffries.

But Jim Corbett just before a battle always became extremely nervous and irritable.

On the afternoon of his battle with Bob Fitzsimmons at Carson City, when he lost the championship, Corbett was as nervous as a cat. He started at the slightest thing.

Although he was confident of laying the Cornishman low, he kept on the move all the time. He never kept his eyes off Fitzsimmons.

In his early career Jim Jeffries never knew what nervousness was. After he had signed for a fight big Jim would talk over his encounter with friends and ask their opinion as to the ability and proneness of his prospective rival.

"I ought to beat him quick, don't you think so?" or "He is a good one, but I think ought to win, don't you?" are some of the questions he would offer.

But on the night of the combat Jeffries was an entirely different man. The champion always trained faithfully. No matter whether his opponent appeared to be a dud or just as hard as the man he was going to meet was a champion.

When Jeffries fought Jack Munroe he cheered him.

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SHORTER TRACK SEASON TO BE HELD BY U. S. C.

Two Meets Scheduled With California and One With L. A. A. C.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—That the University of Southern California track season will be shorter than last season was the announcement made today by Graduate Manager Warren Board. Board has scheduled two meets with the University of California and another with the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Besides these two meets it is probable that the Trojan track stars will compete in the Pacific coast intercollegiate classic.

"The season will be shorter than last season," Board said today, "because we find that the fellows have to work too hard for a long season and that the expenses are heavy. For the last few years our track seasons have been very long. This was due to the various championship meets and the Olympic games."

"Then we had two world's champions on our team and people wanted to see them in action. With Kelly and Drew gone, a long season would prove hard on the stars."

Prospects for a winning cinder team are bright at U. S. C. The freshman class will give the variety of star athletes. Ken Johnson will handle the sprints and Johnson is one of the best on the coast.

Captain Bradley will also take part in the 400 yds. Noel George of the freshman class is the half miler, while Reed Crippe will handle the mile.

Maurer, former Manual Arts pole vaulter, will be out for his favorite event, and go to be the real goods. Craig, Murray, Clement, Liverman and Blair are some of the stars of 1915 who will return.

Many of the great fighters plan their courses of battle days ahead. They map out their line of action even in their sleep.

This increases their nervous tension and often undoes a fight of faithful training. Even at that when they are inside the ropes they forget all about their planning and fight by instinct alone. So all their worrying and fretting is for naught.

SEQUOYAH CLUB CHALLENGE CUP UP FOR DECISION

Sequoiah players are looking forward to some good tournament play next Saturday and Sunday when the finals and finals for the perpetual challenge cup of the club will be played off. Saturday's matches in the semifinals will bring together four of the best players on this side of the bay when Harvey Lindsay meets J. H. McDonnell and P. E. McGinnis plays against W. S. Rheem. The match between Lindsay and McDonnell is a discus heavier who looks as both players are at their best in tournament competition, while McDonnell is slightly favored to beat Colonel Rheem.

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WITH THE GOLFERS

In view of the forthcoming announcement of the United States Golf Association of the selection of links for 1916 National championships it is timely that a resume of these various events be given. Since the formation of the general organization, which has final say as regards matters golfing in America, no less than sixty-three championship tournaments have been staged. This includes twenty-one for the amateurs and a similar number for the women and open players.

It will be remembered that the rule of the association calls for the submission of a list of nine courses to the annual meeting of the association, scheduled for Chicago in January. Three links are named for each course and the delegates make their choice of one for each, which plan is meant to reduce the task of selecting links to some sort of order.

In the year just closing but one championship was held in which the rule of the association was followed. That was the case at Baltusrol. The amateur was staged at Baltusrol, the new course, and the women's at Oceanview. Out of the six previous championships nineteen have been held outside the association's rules or have exacted a fee for the use of the links. The Philadelphia district seven has never followed the association's rule, and scattered points in the east the remainder.

Actual observation means a hundred times more than anything written about the game of golf should be played. One who has been a professional on several occasions of playing out and in articles labeled "How to Play Golf," or something to that effect.

He also declares that Earl and Vernon in 1914, after they have said in separate articles that it is better to play on the links over the winter of them all, so far as links excellence is concerned, can change their minds with the greatest ease.

JOHNNY KANE IS ANXIOUS TO WEAR AN OAK UNIFORM

Vernon Outfielder Does Not Want to Be Forced Out of League.

Johnny Kane, the dainty little Vernon outfielder, doesn't want to be driven out of the Coast League. If Portland doesn't want him and Ham Patterson won't keep him, Kane hopes that he could fill a spot with the Oaks very satisfactorily. He has written to Elliott urging that he be given a chance, and Bowdy may accommodate him if some sort of a reasonable document can be drawn up. Kane's chief difficulty is that he is out of the game too much, and is somewhat "faded."

Maybe he will get over this with a change of scenery, and the knowledge that he is no longer required a necessary acquisition. Kane can play ball when he wants to, and is a right-hand batter, somewhat the club news.

Bill Piercy is wintering in Los Angeles and looks in grand shape. He should make a hit with the Tanjaks this spring.

WOLGAST STOPPED BY YOUNG WHITNEY

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15. — The lightweight fight between Frank Wolgast and Ad Wolcott here last night was stopped at the end of the fifth round when Wolgast's manager stated that Wolgast was in no condition to continue. A cut high on the former champion's forehead was opened early in the fourth round and blood flowed from it freely. The bout was to have gone ten rounds.

Representatives of Jess Willard and Fred Fulton are meeting today in New Orleans to sign articles for a heavyweight boxing match to take place March 1.

FOOTBALL CAPTAINS ARE ELECTED

Cardinal Will Adopt Freshman Rule in Track and Baseball.

There is every indication that by the time the students return to their studies for the spring semester, Stanford University will have barred the freshmen and thus be able to compete against the University of California in track and baseball.

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The Stanford students have referred the freshmen rule to the alumni. The "old guard" sentiment in Oakland, San Francisco and Los Angeles appeared to strongly favor the banishment of the freshmen. As there are over a thousand alumni of Stanford in Los Angeles and an even greater number in the bay cities, they will come near dominating the situation. The sentiment in favor of the freshmen rule is increasing, as it is very probable that only Sophs, Juniors and Seniors will hold down Varsity berths on the Stanford track and baseball outfit.

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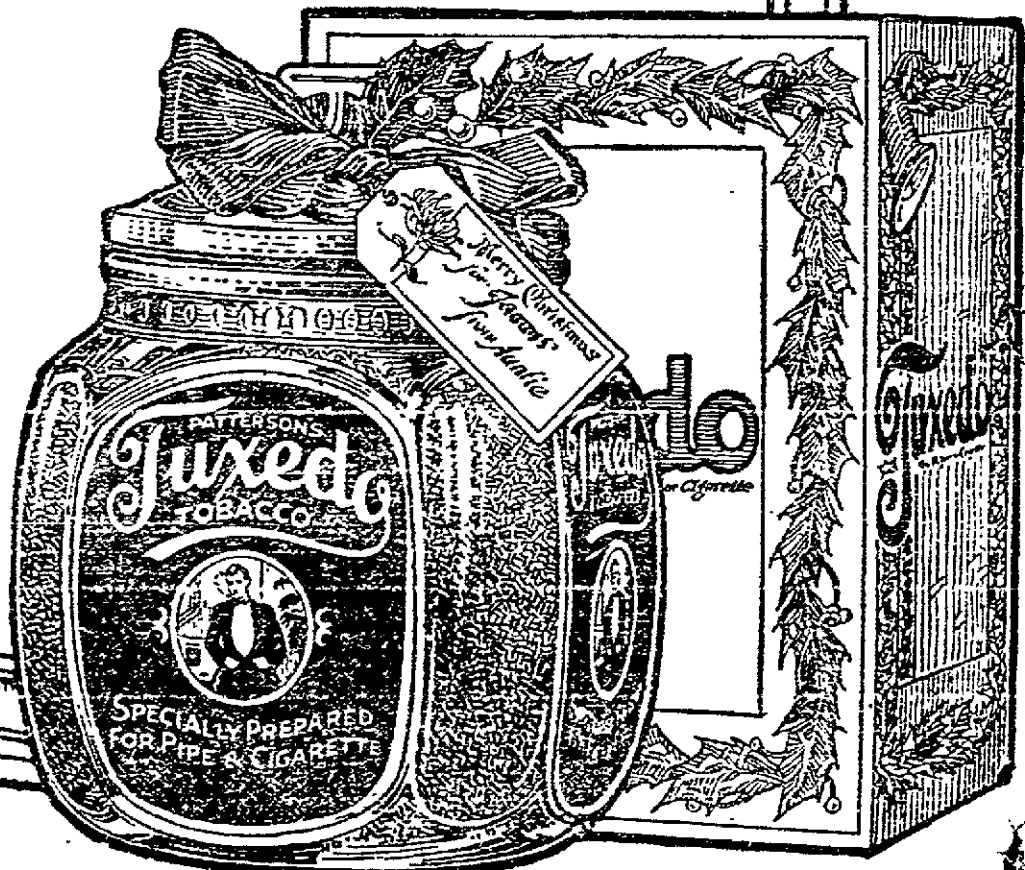
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MAYOR'S PLAN FOR DANCE ABANDONED

Council Accordingly Asks Big Chorus to Resume Its Arrangements.

The plan suggested by Mayor Davis to hold a concert and dance at the Municipal Auditorium Christmas Eve was abandoned by the city council today and the recreation department was asked to carry out its original plan of giving a concert Sunday afternoon following Christmas day, with the aid of the Alameda county chorus. In addition to this there will be the singing of Christmas carols in the streets by choruses of school children under the direction of the music department. The commissioners failed to vote the necessary \$250 asked by Professor McCov, representing Mayor Davis, for the music for the people's concert and ball Christmas eve, and a resolution was adopted asking Superintendent of Playgrounds George D. Dineen to have the recreation department and the Alameda County chorus take up their original plans for a Christmas celebration. The resolution presented by Mayor Davis several days ago to prohibit solicitors from asking city employees and officers to contribute to the Christmas fund in the City Hall during office hours was lost today, through the adverse votes of Commissioners Jackson and Anderson, the Mayor and Commissioner Edwards voting aye, while Commissioner Baer was absent. Anderson and Jackson stated that they considered they had not the power legally to prohibit persons from entering public offices in the City Hall and asking officials to purchase tickets. Mayor Davis stated that the practice resulted in a great waste of time. Commissioner Anderson advised that the Mayor should have a neat little notice printed and posted in his office, stating that soliciting for the sale of tickets was prohibited. City Attorney Paul C. Morf advised the council that the application from J. C. McPherson, superintendent of electrical lines for the Southern Pacific company, for changes in the Peninsula railway franchise was irregular, as it did

'Ware Enemy Fire in Holiday Season

Here Are Some Don'ts to Regard for Safety

As a precaution against fires during Christmas week and the holiday season, Oakland's fire department has issued a few "don'ts" and warnings for the home and the merchant during holiday time.

Here are some of them:

Don't decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material.

Don't use cotton to represent snow. Use asbestos fibre.

Don't permit children to light or relight candles while parents are not present.

Don't leave matches within reach of children.

Don't allow trees to remain inside buildings after the holidays. The tree itself ignites readily when dry.

Watch smokers, gas jets and electric wiring in stores. Keep aisles clear and access to exits and fire escapes open.

DIES FROM POISON.

William Spear, 16 years of age, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Marian Spear, 2525 Georgia street, from arsenic poisoning last night with suicidal intent. Spear was suffering from melancholia, having been discharged a week ago from his position as workman for the Southern Pacific Company.

It does not appear that the petition was officially made by the holder of the franchise. The petition was referred back to McPherson for the necessary formalities. A protest against the change was filed by J. E. Kieck, 614 Jones street.

The Key Route club, Brookdale Citizens club and Fitchburg Social club presented petitions asking the city council to amend the jitney bus ordinance to exclude jitney buses from the business district. The petitions were referred to the city attorney.

The council adopted a resolution suspending the operation of the old wharfage, dockage and tolls ordinance in certain of its provisions, which work an alleged hardship on shippers, pending the amendment of the ordinance. The amendments are now being prepared by City Attorney Morf.

TRACE MOVEMENTS OF M. A. SCHMIDT

L. A. Times Explosion Case Prosecution Proceeds Slowly.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—The prosecution continued today its efforts to trace the movements of James M. McNamara and Matthew A. Schmidt after the bombing of the Los Angeles Times building five years ago, which resulted in the death of Miss Sheldahl.

Miss Sheldahl identified the defendant in the advertisement for the lunch which the dynamite conspirators employed to transport across San Diego Bay the explosive used by James R. McNamara to blow up the Times building. A handwriting expert previously had declared that the handwriting on the copy was that of Schmidt. Miss Sheldahl, however, could not say who played the advertisement in her hands for insertion in the want columns of the paper.

Gilman was called to identify the suitcase placed in evidence yesterday after Miss Sheldahl's identification. He stated that it was the one James R. McNamara had brought to her house when McNamara and Schmidt rented apartments from her. The suitcase was found at the ferry building in San Francisco in January, 1911, more than two months after the Times explosion, and contained the printing of newspapers publishing details of the Times disaster which cost the lives of twenty men, an alarm clock such as those used in various bombs to time explosions, quantities of fuse and detonating caps and other material for the making of infernal machines.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICE FORCE HELD

Mayor, Commissioners and the Chief Praise Personnel and Morale.

The semi-annual police department inspection and drill, postponed several times on account of the recent illness of Commissioner of Public Health and Safety F. F. Jackson, was held at the Municipal Auditorium this afternoon. The inspection was made by Commissioner Jackson, Mayor John L. Davis and Chief of Police W. F. Woods.

The members of the police force assembled at Fallon and Eleventh streets and marched to the auditorium where the drill was held in the arena. The department was formed in four companies. Captain of Inspectors W. J. Petersen acting as the adjutant. Following the drill the men were placed in open order, and the mayor and commissioner accompanied Chief Woods on the inspection through the lines.

The men of the force were inspected as to their uniforms, gloves, collars, revolvers, batons, handcuffs and other accoutrements. The police made a splendid appearance and elicited the praise of the commissioner.

The men were addressed by Commissioner Jackson, Mayor Davis, Commissioners H. S. Anderson, W. J. Baer and W. H. Edwards, and Chief of Police Woods. The commissioner praised the chief and captains of police then visited the Melrose, Central and Northern police stations and the city jail.

With Petersen acting as adjutant, the companies were ordered by Captain F. Lynch, Charles Beck and Thorwald Brown. Lieutenants Fred Schroeder, Bert L. Curless and Charles Hemphill, and Sergeants James Walters and Frank Aherm.

Sergeant Michael Byrne and Corporal Harry Gilbert carried the colors, with Patrolmen Nicholas Williams and Con Koebe as the color guard. The drum corps consisted of Patrolmen Carey, Hamlin and Gorgandennec.

The commissioner also inspected the motor vehicle equipment which is under the charge of Sergeant Jack S. Sherry.

Scandinavians Plan Christmas Festival

A unique Christmas tree festa and Yuletide celebration, conducted much after the manner of the great festes held each year in the north country, will be held next Saturday night at the German House in San Francisco by the members of the Scandinavian Society.

A short Christmas play has been selected from Europe for the festival and around the Christmas tree will be given various games and singing. Santa Claus will appear and the children will receive a good deal of candy and nuts.

With the distribution of presents

Hammond to Address Commercial Club

John Hays Hammond will address the members of the Commercial Club at an early date. At the luncheon of the advertising bureau at noon today a letter was read from Mr. Hammond regretting that he could not be present on the date indicated and asking that another date be chosen. This was enthusiastically and unanimously agreed to by the members.

There will be a special program for the children with dancing, singing and other amusements. The Commercial Club is located at 1212 Broadway.

Moose to Bring Xmas Cheer to Infirmary

Oakland lodge of Moose is arranging for the annual visit on Christmas day to the members to the county infirmary to bring Christmas cheer to the inmates. Bringing books, magazines, tobacco and gifts for the children will be among the gifts. Accompanying the lodge men will be the drill team, Moose defenders, drum corps and band of the lodge which will give exhibition drills and the band will furnish a program of Christmas music.

It is also planned following the distribution of gifts and the holding of the program, to take a number of the aged men and women for an automobile ride and all members with automobiles will be asked to attend. The lodge men will leave at 9 o'clock Christmas morning.

WARNED FROM GREECE.

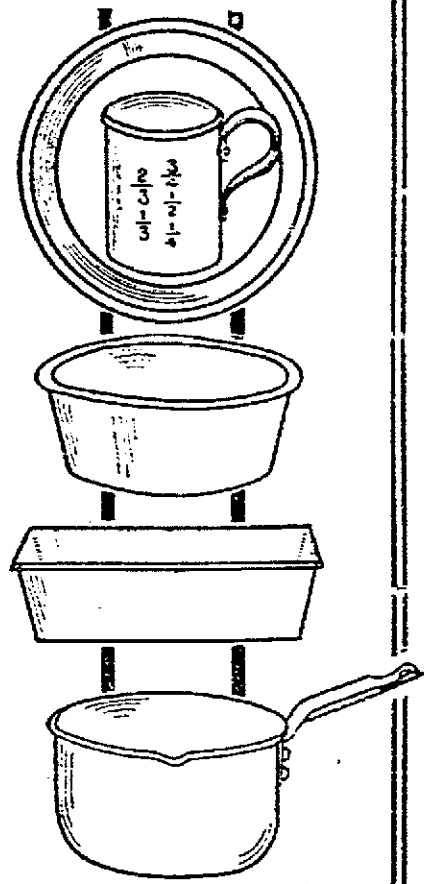
PARIS, Dec. 15.—According to a dispatch to the Temps from Saloniki under Sunday's date, the Austro-Hungarian consulate has advised Austrians and Hungarians to leave that city.

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